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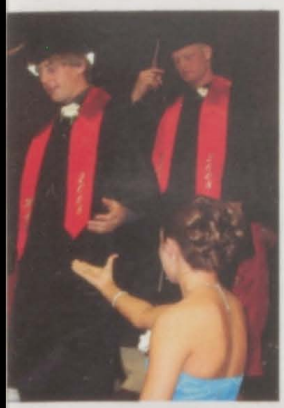

Graduates ready to exit High Plains Community.

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Portraits of the seniors taken by various photography studios.

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May 10, 2008 graduation day at HPC.

8 / PROM April 12, 2008 all were decked out in their very finest to celebrate and dance the night away.

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For the week of September 23rd thru the 28th HPC was one wild place during homecoming week.

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Anxious students meet for the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year.

Choir members preforming at a concerts during the year. They were few in numbers, but mighty in sound.

Students supporting the softball team on a very nice weather day after school.

Our very own High Plains Community Marching Band coming down the streets of Clarks for the Bean Day celebration.

On the cover: Photograph of the senior class on a very cold day in January. Background digitally altered by Amanda Dent, perfected by Walsworth Publishing Company.

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Teachers ready to greet their students for the year.

The One-Act Play included characters from many of the Mother Goose rhymes.

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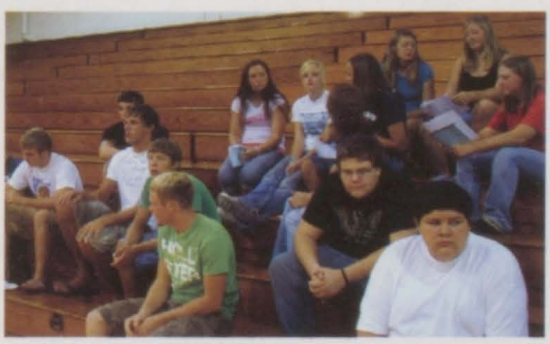

Students gathering in the gym on the first day of school.

High Plains Community Schools
Polk - Clarks - Hordville

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260 South Pine
Polk, NE 68654

Middle School / K - 3rd
205 West Pearl
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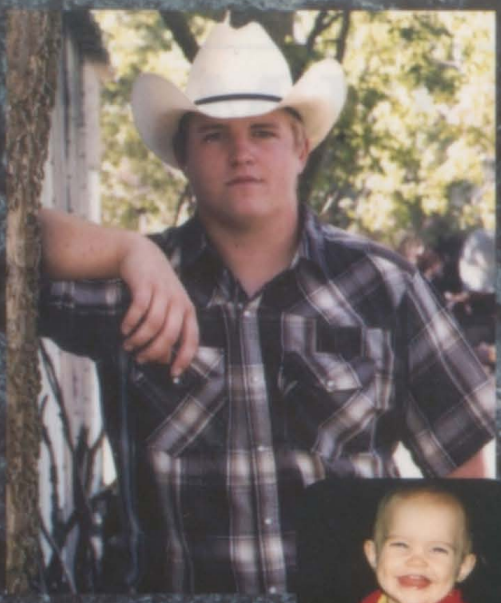
Matthew Anderson



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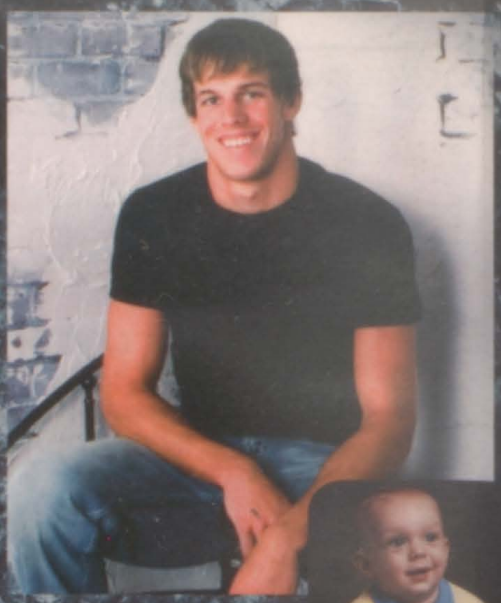

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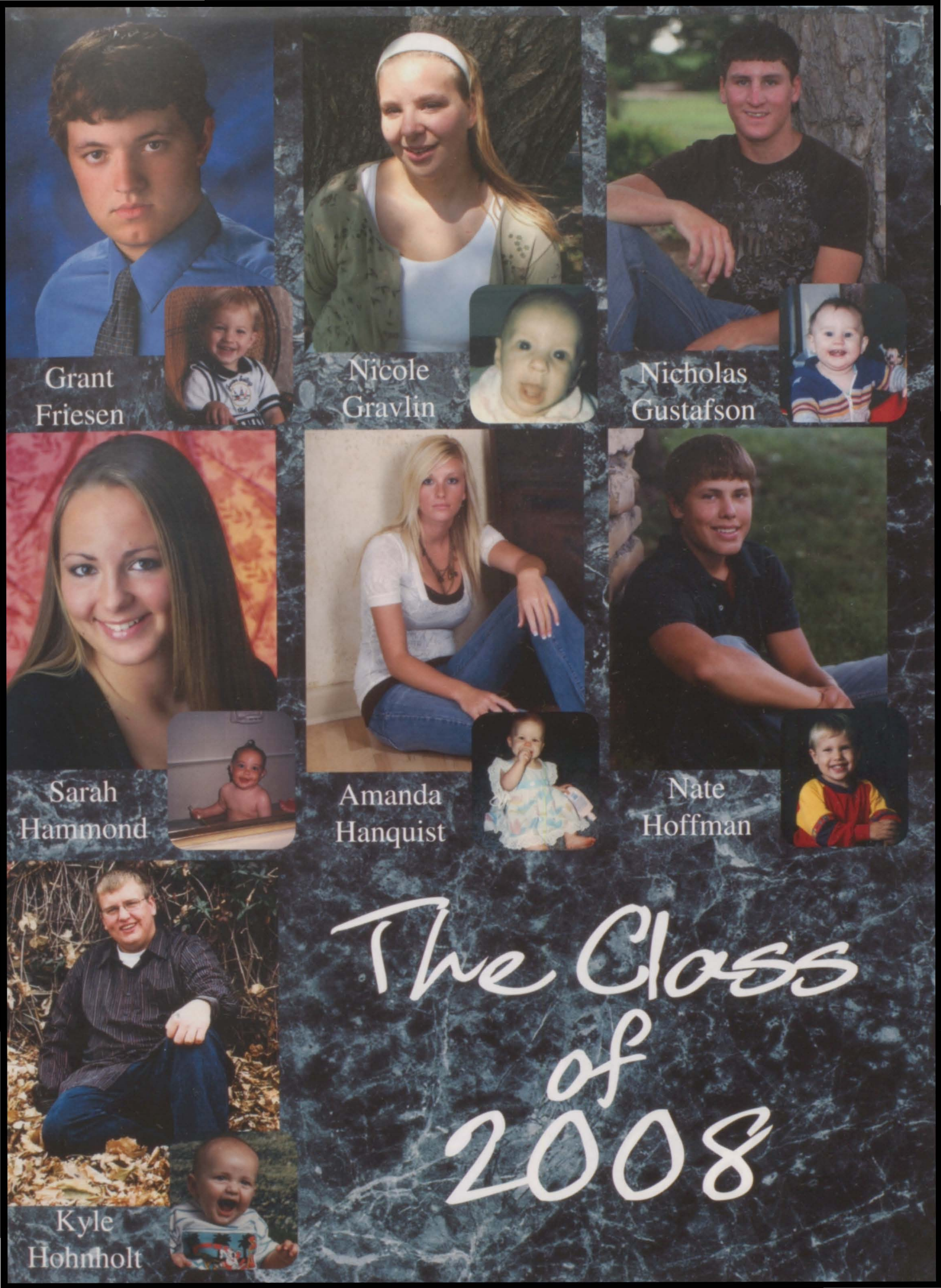
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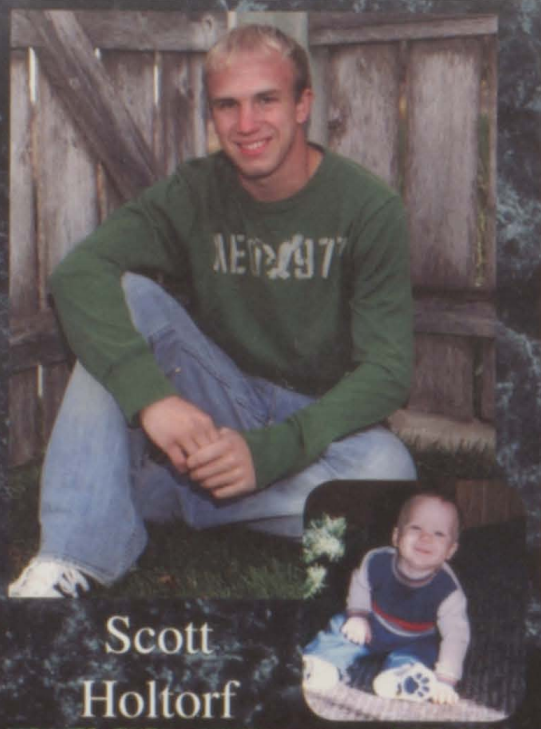
The Class of 2008



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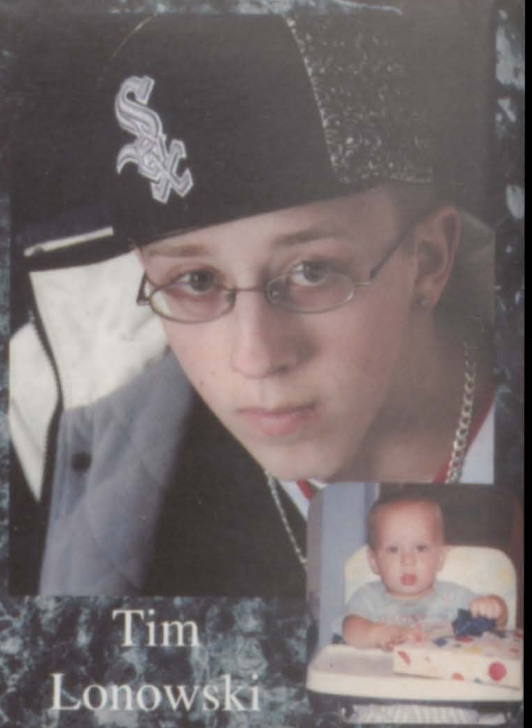

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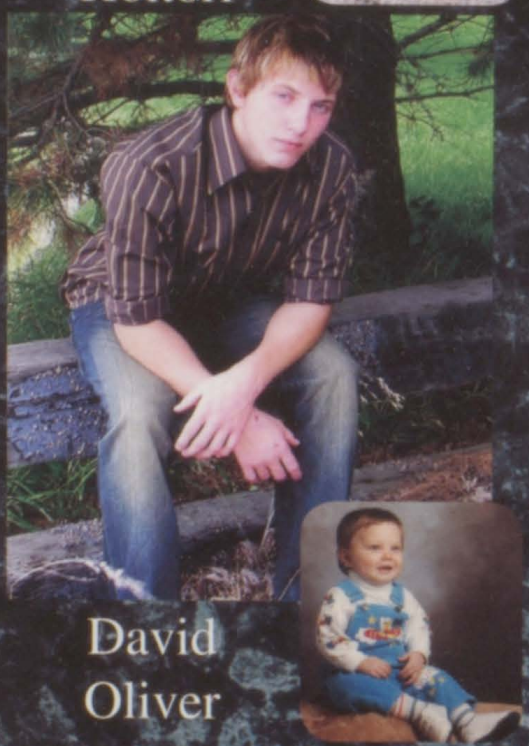

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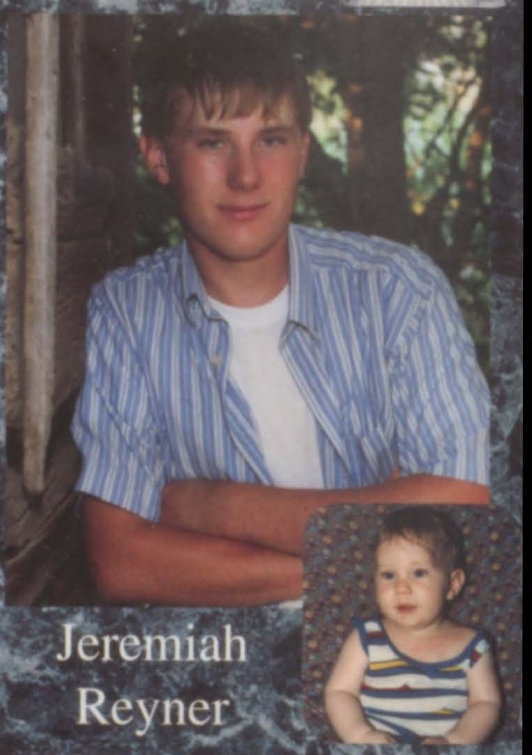

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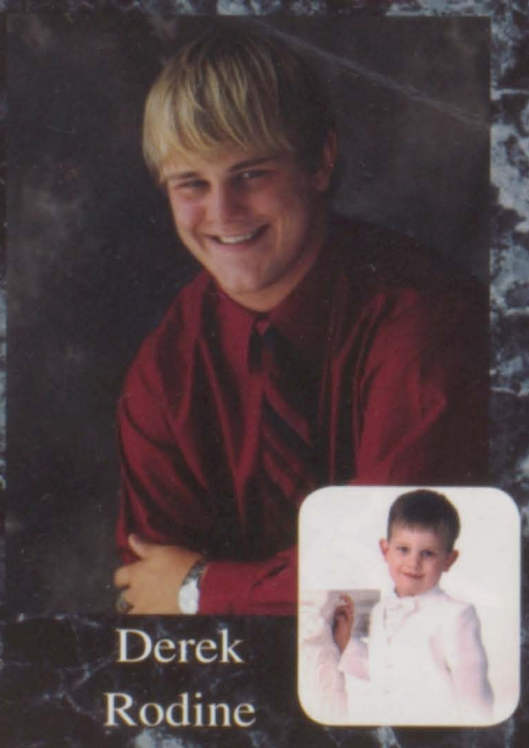

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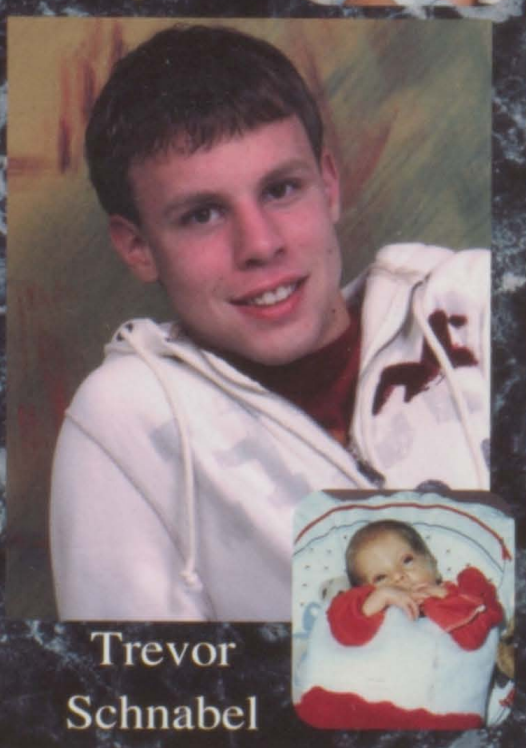

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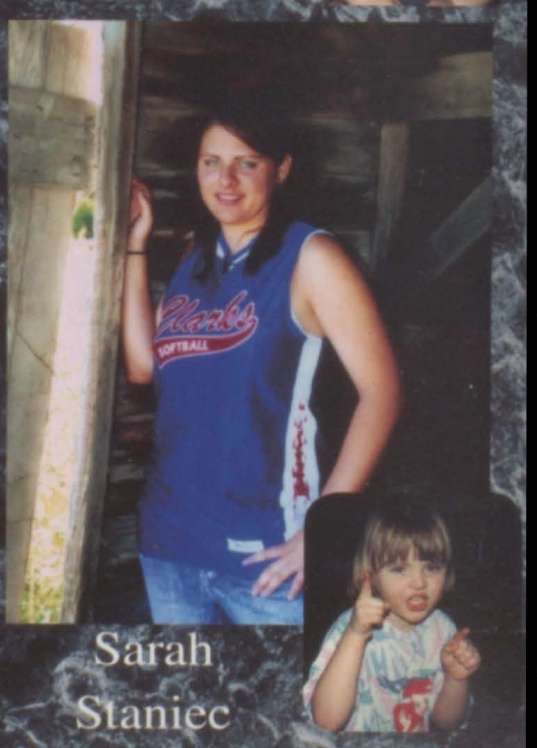

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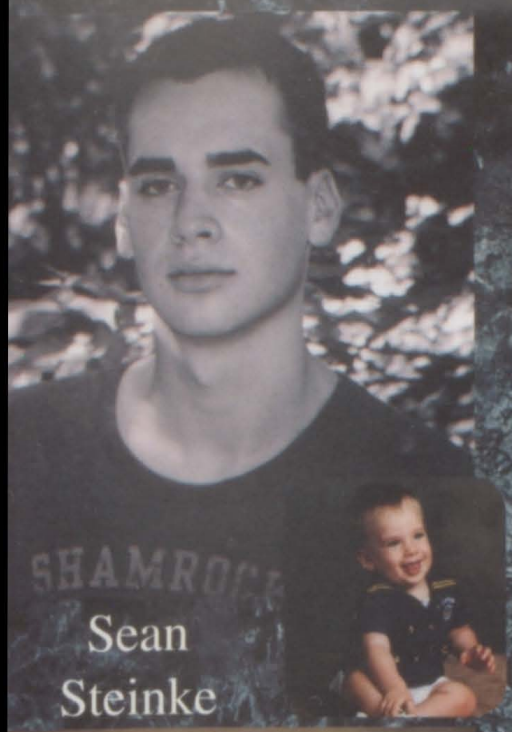

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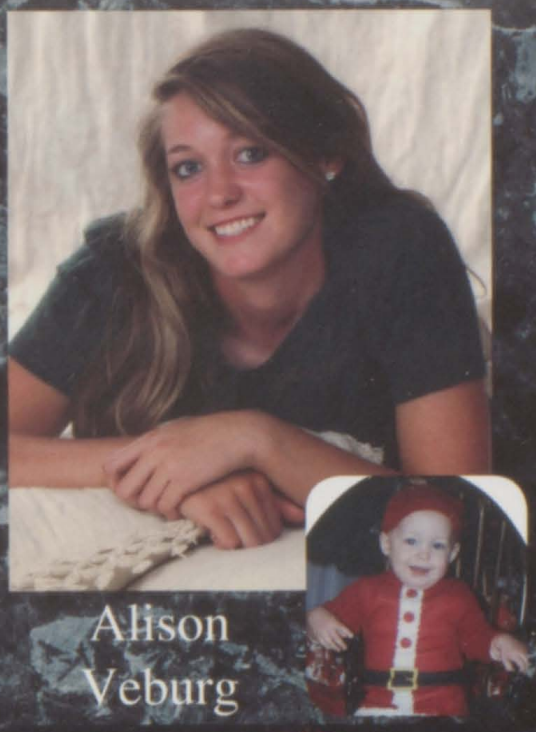
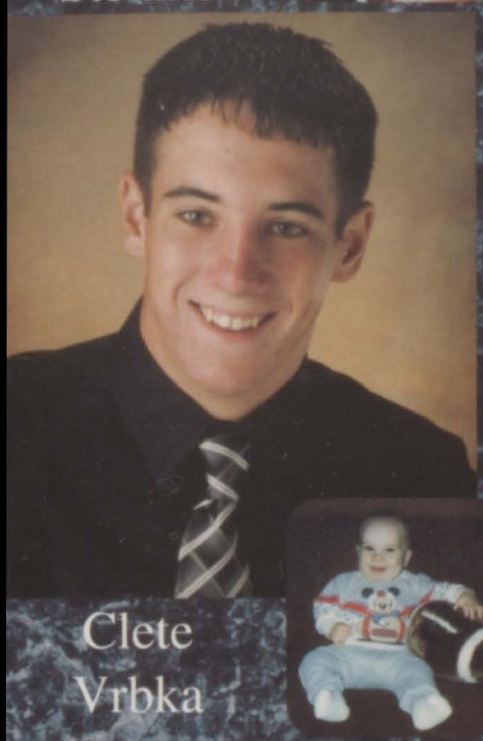
Lacey Stromberg



Alison Veburg



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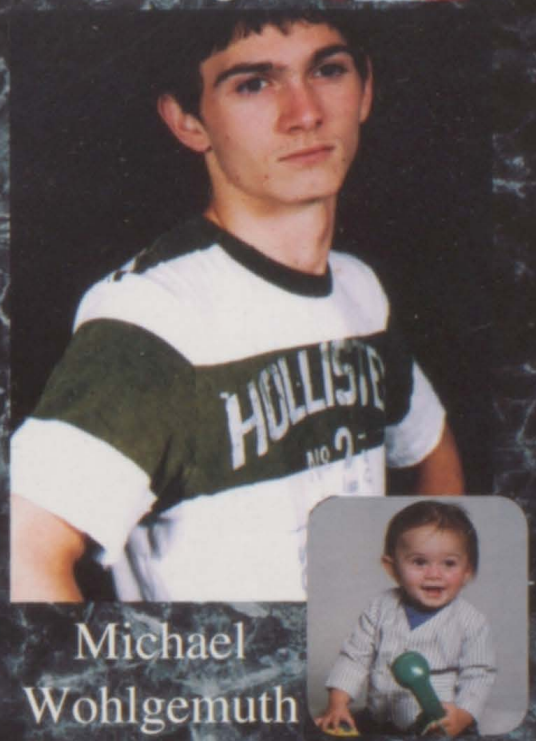


Michael Wohlgemuth

Mary Ziemba

The Class of 2008

2008 Graduation

Class Motto:

"Together we have experienced life, separately we will pursue our dreams, and forever our memories will remain."

Class Colors:

Red, Black, and Silver

Class Flower:

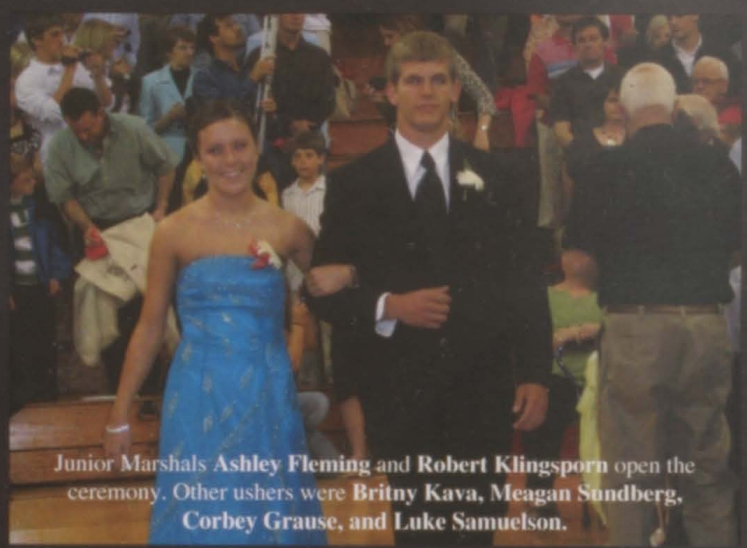
Gerbera Daisy

Class Song:

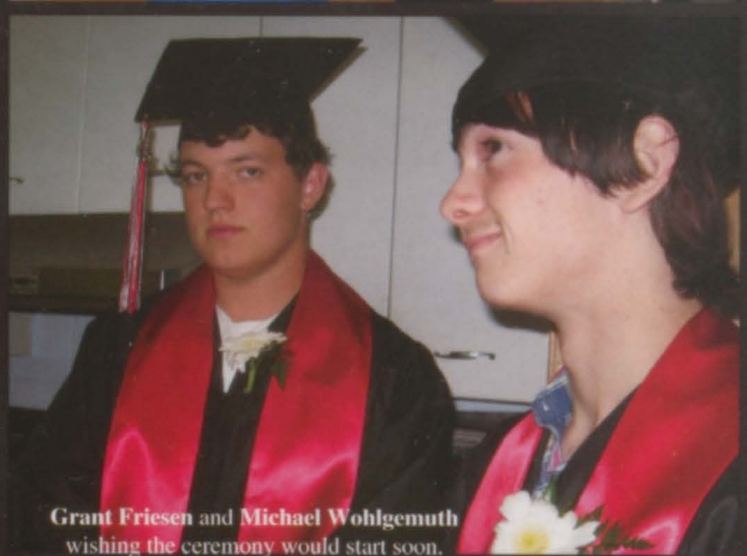
"Wasted Time" by Fuel

Class Sponsor:

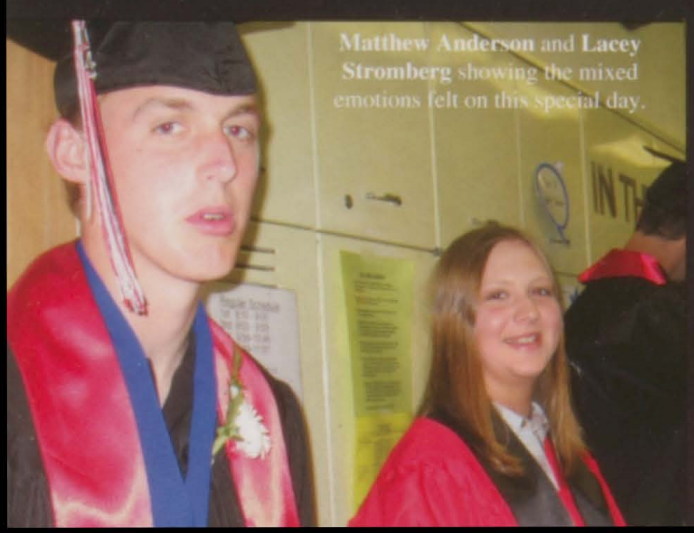
Andy Vrbka



Junior Marshals **Ashley Fleming** and **Robert Klingsporn** open the ceremony. Other ushers were **Britny Kava, Meagan Sundberg, Corbey Grause, and Luke Samuelson.**

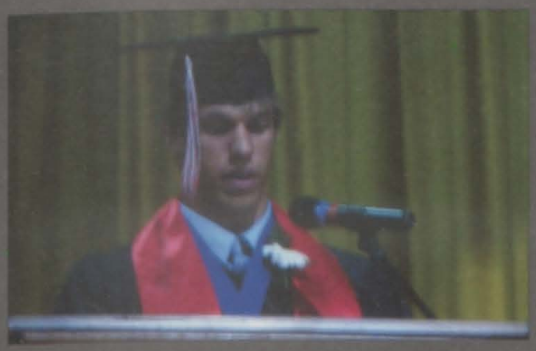


Grant Friesen and **Michael Wohlgemuth** wishing the ceremony would start soon.



Matthew Anderson and **Lacey Stromberg** showing the mixed emotions felt on this special day.

Mary Ziemba and **Brooke Engel** are all smiles.



Valedictorian **Marcus Bender** gives his speech and Salutatorian **Brooke Engel** gets her diploma.

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The final picutre of the Class of 2008!

Below left: The graduates look out at the audience while the final classmates enter the gym.
Below right: **Denise Carlstrom, Sarah Staniec, Mary Ziemba, Amanda Hanquist**, and **Alison Veburg** pose for a group photo before graduation.

MIDNIGHT.

The Juniors put a lot of work into making prom incredible this year! Even though the ceiling was hard to get the way they wanted it, they transformed the gym into a Midnight Masquerade!
The dinner began promptly at 7:00 p. m. with a delicious meal, of prime rib, prepared by the juniors' mothers.

The night was filled with dancing, picture taking, and socializing. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Post Prom had a western theme with a mechanic bull ride and many other games.

To the Seniors
Oh, how fast the years have flown,
Through many joys, and fears
We've come together and grown
Through the smiles, laughs and tears.

We've had some good times
Though some we might regret.
It was always good clean fun times,
Most of which we won't forget.

We hope your night is truly great.
Enjoy the time before it's gone.
And so to the Class of 2008
We dedicate this prom.

Senior class President, **Brooke Engel**, thanking the Juniors for their work.

Marcus Bender and **Jesse Dubas** discussing how wonderful prom is this year.

Ashley Fleming welcoming everyone to the banquet.

Alison Anderson and **Trevor Osantowski** breaking it down.

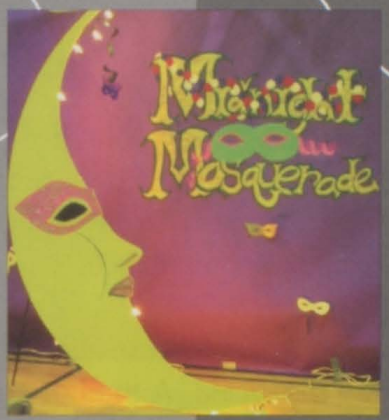
Josh Greco and **Erin Blase** boogeying down at the dance. Looks like Erin wants **Becky Carlstrom** to join in.

Post Prom's theme was western. The kids enjoyed riding a mechanic bull and partaking in the games offered.

Line dancing is always a popular event.

MASQUERADE

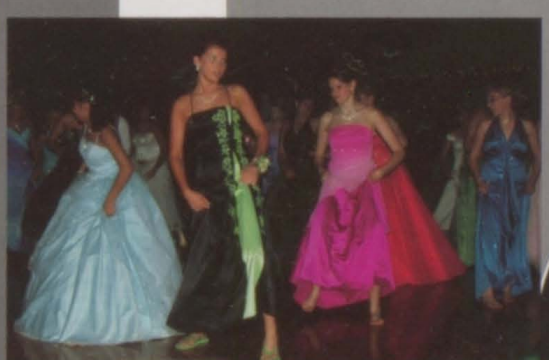
Class of 2008



Everyone having a blast at the Midnight Masquerade.

Class of 2009

The sophomore servers for the banquet in their flashy uniforms.
Gentlemen: **Jason Church, Jonathon Hanquist, Ben Schulze, Ethan Spence, John Oliver, Joshua Reyner.**
Ladies: **Hannah Lott, Kinsley Shoup, Courtney Doremus, Lacey Jarecke, Amanda Burruss, Rachel Shotkoski.**



Thania Sanchez, Michaela Majerus, Ashley Swanson and others gettin' their groove on.

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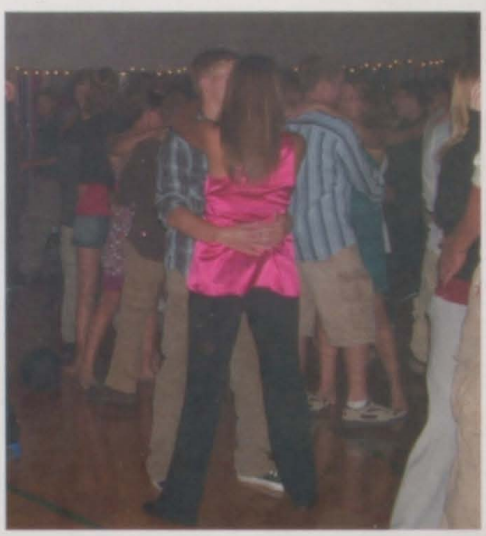
Homecoming 2007

HPC started the Homecoming week off with the annual bonfire at the softball field. The cheerleaders worked hard throughout the week with dress up days and a Friday pep rally. They spent Friday afternoon decorating for the dance.

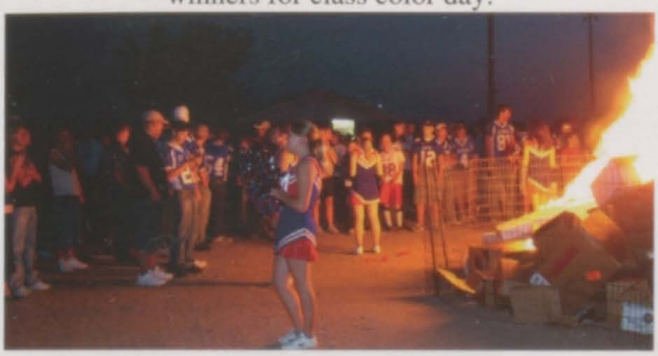
The sports teams were also busy during the week. A total of eight games were played, taking in the middle school and high school teams. After losing a few of those games, the dance raised the spirits of those attending and they danced the night away.

Homecoming royalty: Heather Church 2006 queen, **Sarah Hammond** and **Caleb Church** attendents, 2007 King and Queen, **Brooke Engel** and **Marcus Bender**, **Amanda Hanquist** and **Jesse Dubas** attendents, Justin Blase 2006 king. Crown bearers were **Jacey Eberle** and **Keaton VanHousen**.



Ashley Fleming and **Marcus Bender** were the winners for class color day.

For favorite character day, **Britny Kava** shows her Batman side and **Josh Fisher** became a singer for a day.



The bonfire to start homecoming week is becoming a tradition that everyone seems to enjoy.

Ryland Veburg and **Dawn Matson** win the contest for career day as Fed Ex man and Motocross rider.

Karlie Blase and **David Oliver** were winners for red, white, and blue day.

Brandon Sundberg and **Sarah Hammond** show their sleepy side on pajama day.

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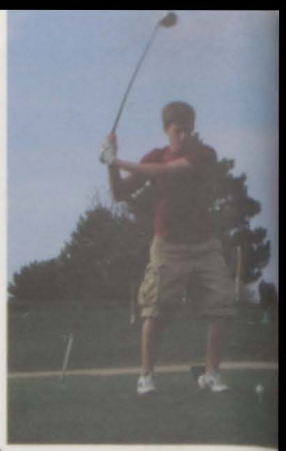

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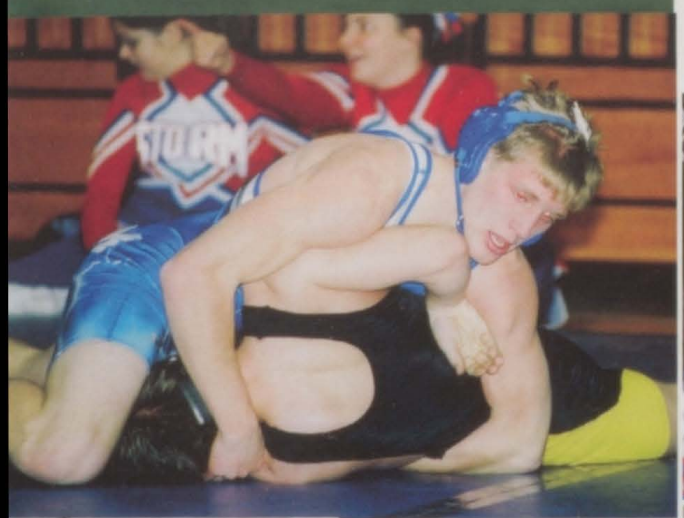
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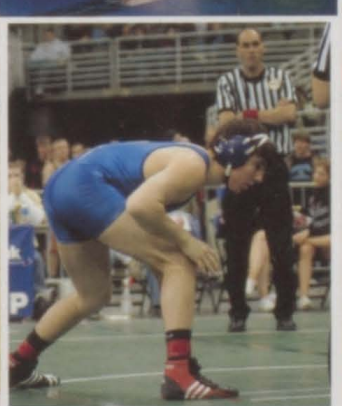

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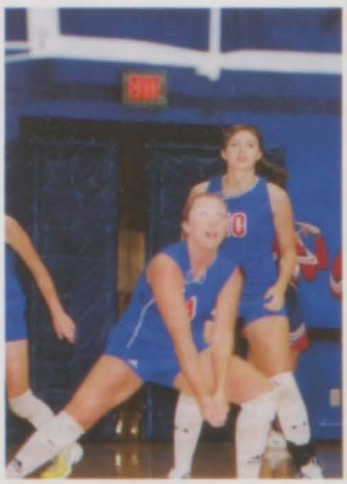
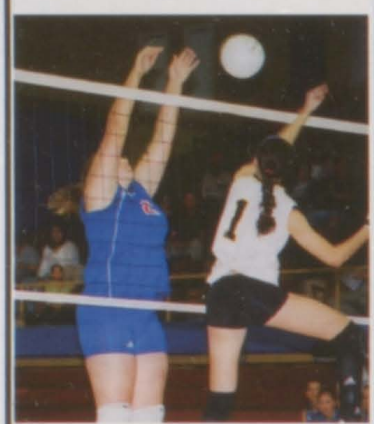
Brooke Engel with the perfect pass.



Denise Carlstrom goes up for the big block.



Amanda Hanquist with the super slam.

Front row: Meagan Sundberg, Brooke Engel, Amanda Hanquist, Denise Carlstrom, Anna Swanson. Middle row: Katrina Quick, Hannah Lott, Melissa Sundberg, Becky Kobza, Nealey Hoffman, Ashley Swanson, Tyler Sneed. Back row: Alison Anderson, Kylie Jarecke, Amanda Burruss, Amanda Kobza, Michaela Majerus, Lacey Jarecke, Whitney Engel, Kaylee Reimers. Not pictured: Head coach Jeff Kyes and Asst. Coach Sue Wilgocki.

2007 Volleyball Team

Scoreboard

H.P.C.		Opp.	H.P.C		Opp.
0	Giltner	3	2	Rising City	1
3	Fullerton	0	1	McCool	2
2	Nebr. Christian	3	0	Hampton	2
2	Palmer	0	0	Meridian	2
1	Cedar Rapids	2	1	Shickley	2
0	Sutton	2	0	Clay Center	2
0	Cross County	2	0	Exeter-Milligan	2
1	East Butler	2	3	McCool CRC	2
1	St. Edward	2	1	Clay Center CRC	3
2	LHF	0	0	Osceola	2
0	Dorchester	2	0	Nebr. Lutheran	2
2	Shelby	0	1	East Butler	3

High Plains Volleyball 2007

"Ahh..CRANK THAT!!"

As **Brooke Engel** goes up for the kill, **Amanda Hanquist** and **Nealey Hoffman** back her up with coverage.

The players get ready to start the game with the starting lineup.

Coach Kyes takes a time out to tell the team the game plan.

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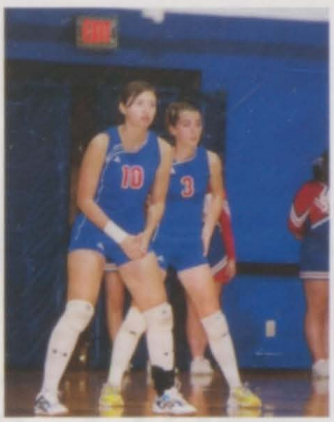
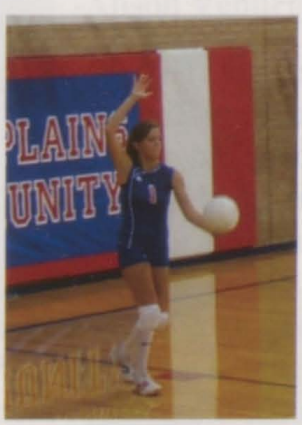


Becky Kobza and **Hannah Lott** get ready to take on any serve that comes their way.

Nealey Hoffman
Post season award of All-Heartland Honorable Mention

The High Plains Volleyball team, with two new coaches; Jeff Kyes and Sue Wilgocki, was ready to start fresh and make some changes. Improvement was made finishing with a final record of 6-18. As we look down the road to the future, we are able to see that more improvement and experience is going to lead the High Plains Volleyball team to many more victories.

Nealey Hoffman goes up for the kill.



Meagan Sundberg winds up for the ace serve.

High Plains 2007 Softball Team
Front row: Alison Veburg, Sarah Hammond, Karlie Blase, Mary Ziemba.
Middle row:Cheyenne Schultz, Thania Sanchez, Haley Strobel,
Ashley Fleming, Britny Kava. Back row: Asst. Coach Todd Gardner,
St. Manager Becca Geidel, Brooke Brown, Amber Scherer,
Sierra Dittmer, Jamee Scherer, Head Coach Norm Manstedt.

Way to put the bat on the ball **Cheyanne Schultz**!

Ready for action, **Ashley Fleming** awaits the pitch.

Ay Bay Bay!

The High Plains Storm softball team finished the season at 10-25, a record that is somewhat misleading with 10 losses coming with margins of three or fewer runs. The team finished 2nd at the Boone Central Invite and 3rd at the Wisner-Pilger Invite. The Storm had a successful year at the plate with a team batting average of .308. Ashley Fleming batted a .500, Haley Strobel at .459, Mary Ziemba and Sarah Hammond both ended at .300.

High Plains graduated four seniors from the team. They include pitchers Alison Veburg and Mary Ziemba, third baseman Sarah Hammond, and outfielder Karlie Blase. One factor that could potentially affect the Storm in coming seasons is the small roster.

Overall errors cost the team the lead in many games, and they couldn't establish a streak to get the year rolling. Softball, like most other sports, is a game of momentum.

SCOREBOARD

HP 4	Fillmore Central	8	HP 2	Twin River	7
HP 0	Fillmore Central	5	GINW Tourney - 7th Place		
Wisner-Pilger Tourney - 2nd Place			HP 6	Chase County	7
HP 3	Wisner-Pilger	1	HP 6	GINW	15
HP 2	Lutheran NE	4	HP 8	Adams Central	5
HP 0	Central City	4	HP 2	Boone Central	4
HP 5	Thayer Central	3	HP 2	Boone Central	0
HP 2	Cross County	10	Central City Tourney		
HP 6	Blue Hill	1	HP 1	Friend	3
Boone Central Tourney			HP 2	Blue Hill	5
HP 0	Wayne	8	HP 2	Waverly	4
HP 10	Cross County	7	HP 4	Adams Central	3
HP 3	Boone Central	4	HP 7	Adams Central	6
HP 3	GINW	5	HP 0	Central City	10
HP 3	GINW	18	HP 3	Central City	11
HP 8	Aurora	3	HP 13	Adams Central	14
HP 2	Aurora	3	HP 5	Cross County	11
HP 5	Wilbur-Clatonia	3	Districts @ Central City		
HP 2	David City	13	HP 4	Cross County	8
HP 4	Twin River	9	HP 1	Centennial	4

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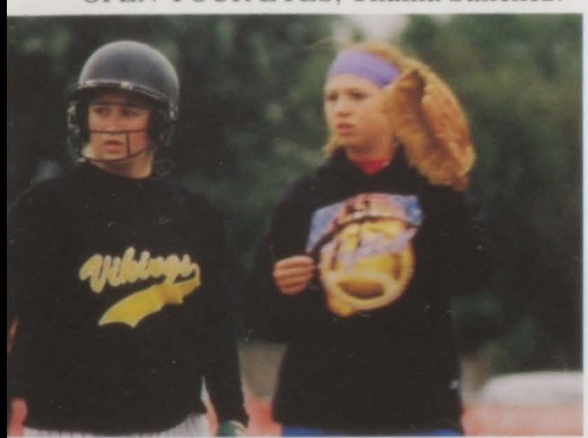
Haley Strobel with a nice throw to first.

SOFTBALL

Post season honors for:
Haley Strobel - All State Honorable Mention, All-Nebraska Class C 2nd team, All-Heartland Honorable Mention.
Mary Ziemba - All-Heartland Honorable Mention.
Ashley Fleming - All-State Honorable Mention, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention, All-Heartland Super Squad.

"OPEN YOUR EYES, **Thania Sanchez**!"



Britny Kava with good coverage at second.

Jamee Scherer running her heart out.

"Whomp it!"

-Sarah Hammond

"Outfielders ain't afraid of a little grass stain, so long as they make the game winning catch."

-Karlie Blase

"Live It.
Breathe It.
Believe It."

-Alison Veburg

"Life's a pitch."

-Mary Ziemba

Storm Football 2007

As the 2007 season came to an end, the Storm had reached the playoffs for the 3rd straight year and had recorded yet another winning season under Coach Vrbka. Although the team finished with a 7-2 record, it was a season of highs and lows. With a huge win over Humphrey St. Francis in week four, the Storm rolled into week five with a 4-0 record and a match with a highly ranked Clarkson. The Red Devils, the eventual state runner-ups, handed the team their first loss of the season. With 3 more wins over district foes, the Storm rolled into the playoffs with a 7-1 record and a first-round home game. With a tough draw in Mead, the team ended the season with a disappointing 2-point loss at the hands of the Red Raiders.

On the year, the Storm rushed for a total of 2,108 yards and threw for another 491. Caleb Church led all running backs with 557 yards with Robert Klingsporn adding an additional 535. Jesse Dubas completed 19 of 45 for 379 yards passing and 7 touchdowns. On defense, Clete Vrbka led the team with 112 tackles, followed by Tanner Kuhn and Derek Rodine with 91 and 75 respectively. The team ended up with 2 offensive all-district players and 3 on defense.

Caleb Church lowers his shoulder on the Shelby defender.

Joe Ditloff gets extra yards after his catch.

Clete Vrbka gets ready for the play to start on defense.

Front row: Mitch Kobza, Derek Rodine, Joe Ditloff, Marcus Bender, Clete Vrbka, Jesse Dubas, Nate Hoffman, Caleb Church. Second row: Ethan Spence, Corbey Grause, Jason Church, Robert Klingsporn, Mike Wagoner, Luke Samuelson, Terry Bankson, Tanner Kuhn. Third row: Taylor Doremus, John Oliver, Daniel Thies, Bryan Hohnholt, Jonathon Hanquist, Ben Schulze, Michael Spence, Ian Carson. Fourth row: Brandon Nickolite, Jordan Gustafson, Bryson Engholm, Ryland Veburg, Trevor Osantowski, Jacob Kennedy. Fifth row: Assistant Coach Jim Pekarek, Head Coach Andy Vrbka, Assistant John Fisher.

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Post Season Honors:

Front row: **Clete Vrbka**- All-District 1st team linebacker, All-District 1st team offensive guard, All-Heartland Small School Super Squad Defense, All-State Honorable Mention, All Nebraska Honorable Mention, Huskerland Prep Report All-State Honorable Mention, First team All-Area (York News Times), 8-Man All Star game.

Joe Ditloff- All-District 1st team tight end.

Tanner Kuhn- All-District Honorable Mention linebacker.

Jesse Dubas- All-District 1st team defensive back, All-District 2nd team quarterback, All-Heartland Small School 2nd team Defense, All Nebraska Honorable Mention, Huskerland Prep Report All-State Honorable Mention, First Team All-Area (York News Times).

Back row: **Mitch Kobza**- All-District 2nd team defensive lineman.

Marcus Bender- All-District Honorable Mention tight end.

Caleb Church- All-District 2nd team defensive end, All-District 2nd team running back, All Nebraska Honorable Mention.

Derek Rodine- All-District 1st team defensive lineman, All-District 2nd team center, All-Heartland Small School Super Squad Offense, All-State Honorable Mention, All Nebraska Honorable Mention, Huskerland Prep Report All-State Honorable Mention, First Team All-Area (York News Times), 8-Man All Star game.

Marcus Bender makes a catch over the Shelby defender.

Robert Klingsporn returns the kickoff up the sideline.

Jesse Dubas gets to the corner on a QB sweep.

Tanner Kuhn tackles the Mead running back.

The offence gets ready for the two point conversion.

Caleb Church and **Derek Rodine** get a sack on the Cedar Bluff's quarterback.

Scoreboard

H.P.	75	Harvard	6
H.P.	50	Cedar Bluffs	13
H.P.	52	Nebraska Christian	14
H.P.	50	Humphrey St. Francis	20
H.P.	0	Clarkson	58
H.P.	52	Leigh	8
H.P.	62	Humphrey	14
H.P.	26	Shelby	14

Playoffs

H.P.	20	Mead	22

Final Record: 7-2

Storm Wrestling 2007-2008

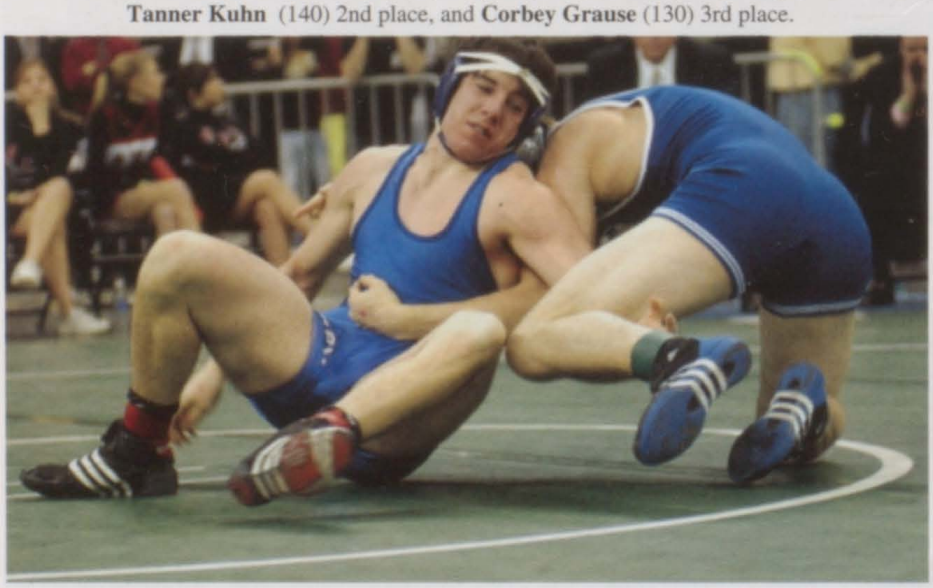
The Storm wrestling team had a great 2007-2008 season, the team finished the season with eight state qualifiers, and a 2nd place team finish at Districts. The teams best finishes of the year were a, 1st place finish at Wahoo, 2nd place finishes at Cross County, Mullen, Turkey Creek, and a 7th place finish at the State Meet. The eight state qualifiers from the team included Mike Wohlgemuth, Corbey Grause, Nate Hoffman, Tanner Kuhn, John Oliver, Caleb Church, Clete Vrbka, and Mitch Kobza.

There were also three Storm wrestlers who earned their 100th win of their high school career they include Corbey Grause with 105 wins with his senior season still to come, Caleb Church ending his career with 112 wins, and Clete Vrbka ending with 100 wins. As the season came to an end there were also eight wrestlers who ended there season with winning records.

Coach Manstedt and **Coach Strobel** get ready for a match at the High Plains Invite.

State medalist, **Caleb Church** (160) 6th place, **Clete Vrbka** (189) 2nd place, **Tanner Kuhn** (140) 2nd place, and **Corbey Grause** (130) 3rd place.

Mitch Kobza ties up with his opponent at the district wrestling meet.



Clete Vrbka gets a two point reversal, in the Finals match at State.

Caleb Church sets up his opponent before shooting a single leg take down.

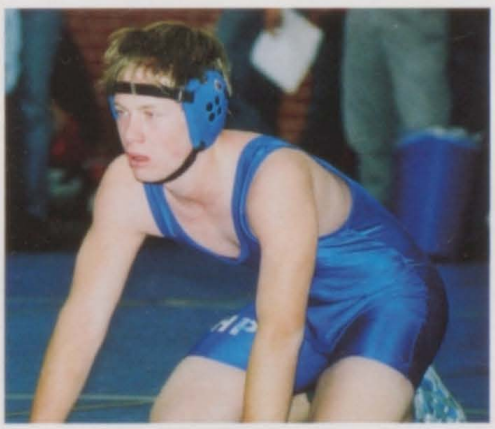
Back row: Ian Carson, Calvin Shively, Caleb Church, Mitch Kobza, Clete Vrbka, Jason Church.
Front row: Daniel Thies, Tanner Kuhn, Trevor Osantowski, Josh Reyner, Nate Hoffman, Corbey Grause, John Oliver, Michael Wohlgemuth.

Mike Wohlgemuth gets in position to take a shot.

Ian Carson ties up with his opponent.

John Oliver gets in deep on a single leg shot.

Tanner Kuhn ties up with his opponent, before taking a shot at the State Tournament.



Josh Reyner get set to get off the bottom.

Corbey Grause gets a take down in his third place match at the State meet.

Nate Hoffman gets a take down, on the edge of the mat at the state meet.

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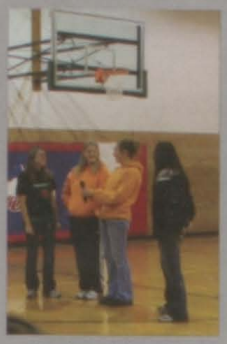
Girls Basketball



Senior girls talk at a pep rally.

Brooke Engel brings the ball down to set up the offense.

Above: Senior **Alison Veburg** passes the ball to teammate Brooke.

Left: **Sarah Hammond** posts up on the opponent.

Back row: Student Manager Ariana Bolton, Michaela Majerus, Alison Anderson, Melissa Sundberg, Whitney Engel, Nealey Hoffman, Amanda Kobza, Taylor Scherer, Sierra Dittmer, Student Manager Brooke Brown.
Middle row: Katrina Quick, Hannah Lott, Becky Kobza, Haley Strobel, Ashley Flemming.
Front row: Brooke Engel, Alison Veburg, Mary Ziemba, Sarah Hammond.

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SCOREBOARD

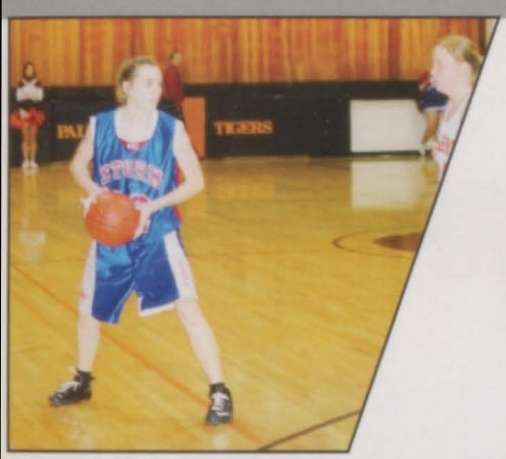
HP	41	Clay Center	44
HP	23	Sutton	75
HP	28	Exeter-Milligan	56
HP	48	Dorchester	57
HP	48	NE Christian	35
HP	24	Tri-County	54
HP	33	Centennial	50
HP	50	Shickley	28
HP	42	Palmer	50
HP	52	Giltner	49
HP	40	Heartland	63
HP	30	McCool	32
HP	42	Rising City	47
HP	39	Osceola	29
HP	33	Cross County	60
HP	46	Hampton	38
HP	44	Rising City	46
HP	38	Meridian	57
HP	46	Fullerton	56

Final Record 4-15

Coach Walford takes a time-out to give the girls a break and show them the game plan.

Far Right: **Mary Ziemba** pops the three-pointer.

Right: **Ashley Flemming** concentrates on her shot.



Above: **Hannah Lott** looking for the open girl.

Below: **Becky Kobza** passes to an open teammate.

Post-season honors:
Brooke Engel: All-Heartland Honorable Mention & Academic All-State
Mary Ziemba: Academic All-State
Becky Kobza: All-Heartland Honorable Mention

The girls basketball team finished the season 4-15, but the record doesn't show how much the team improved throughout the season. Coach Walford pushed the girls to work harder each and everyday and drilled them on the fundamentals of the game.

Senior Brooke Engel led the stats column with 136 total rebounds and 40 assists. Mary Ziemba ended the season with 117 points as she played a major role as one of the team's post players. Sarah Hammond was another key post player for the High Plains Storm, ending the season with 104 points. The team was also strongly assisted by senior Alison Veburg. Ashley Fleming and Becky Kobza also played major roles for the Lady Storm. Ashley Fleming led the team with 56 steals and finished with 130 points. Becky Kobza led the team in the score column, ending the season with 138 points.

The JV team ended the season with a 3-9 record. They will bring a lot of experience and skill to next year's season. All of the Lady Storm Basketball players need to be recognized for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

High Plains Storm Boys Basketball

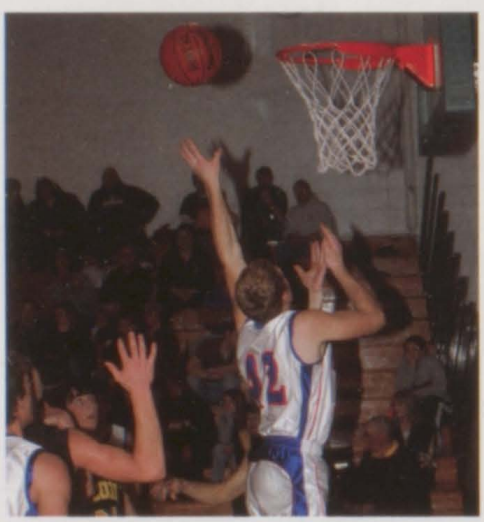
It was quite the roller coaster ride for the Storm boys basketball team during the 2007-2008 season. Although there were a few tough losses, the season was highlighted by a first place finish at the Malcolm Holiday Tournament and a runner-up trophy in the CRC Tournament. The Storm finished the season with a 15-7 record, capping off a year where they were also named the CRC regular season champions for the second year in a row.

The Storm were led by Marcus Bender, who averaged a double-double with 18.5 points and 12.2 rebounds per game. Nick Gustafson averaged 11.1 points per game, and played a large role in the Storm's success this season, as he stretched out opponents' defense with his long range shooting. Robert Klingsporn led the team in assists, dishing out 2.8 per game, while also putting in 7.0 points per game. Derek Rodine averaged 4.4 points per game, and contributed in almost every other statistical category with his unrelentless hustle. Joe Fowler worked his way into the starting line-up this season, and became a consistent scorer as he averaged 6.0 points per game. Joe Ditloff was the reliable sixth man for the Storm, as he came off the bench to average 4.5 points per game.

The Storm will graduate five seniors this year-Marcus Bender, Nick Gustafson, Derek Rodine, Joe Ditloff, and Matt Anderson. These seniors played a vital role in the success of the Storm over the past four seasons, as they finished their careers with an exceptional 65-24 record. They offered outstanding leadership and work ethic, which was evident by their many accomplishments. As a whole, High Plains shot 44.2 percent from the field and forced their opponents into 17 turnovers per game. They also scored 55.4 points per game, and held their opponents to 42.0, which resulted in a few blowout wins. The Storm returns a great core of talent for next season, as many young players received significant experience this past year. The future looks promising as the Storm try to continue their winning tradition.

Derek Rodine taking his defender to the basket.

Marcus Bender shooting a contested jumpshot over the defenders.



Joe Ditloff putting up a left-handed hook shot over the defenders.

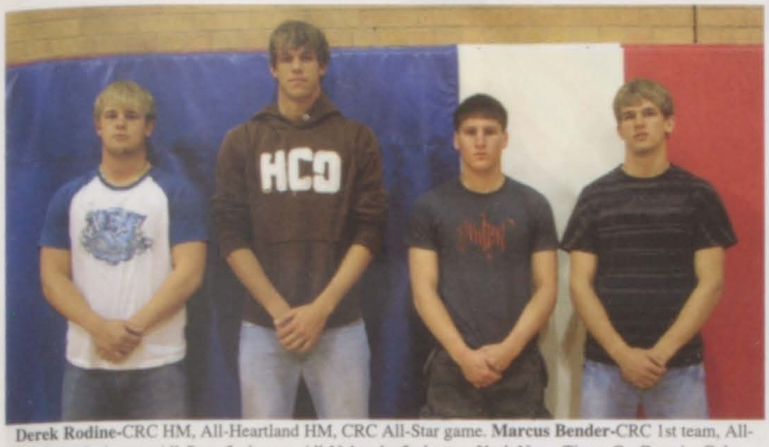
Coach Hudson giving instructions in the huddle.

Nick Gustafson shooting a deep three.

Robert Klingsporn driving past his defender.

SCOREBOARD

HPC	SCHOOL	OPP
45	Clay Center	36
38	Sutton	39
49	Exeter/Milligan	37
62	Dorchester	40
87	Nebraska Christian	29
	Holiday Tournament	
56	Tri-County	50
54	Malcolm	37
77	Shickley	25
37	Palmer	47
59	Giltner	52
34	Heartland	42
46	McCool	48
	CRC Tournament	
70	Shickley	28
70	Giltner	45
53	Hampton	48
40	Osceola	49
59	Cross County	55
48	Hampton	45
66	Rising City	22
76	Meridian	58
	Sub-Districts	
58	David City Aquinas	44
39	East Butler	50
	Final Record 15-7	

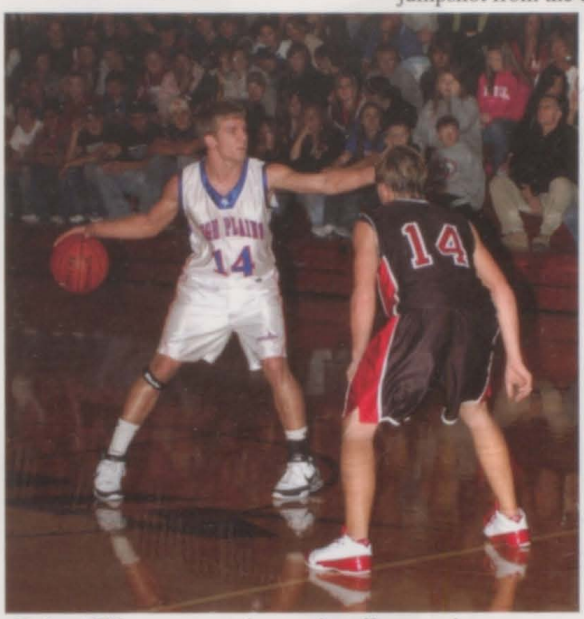


Derek Rodine-CRC HM, All-Heartland HM, CRC All-Star game. **Marcus Bender**-CRC 1st team, All-Heartland 2nd team, All-State 2nd team, All-Nebraska 2nd team, York News Times Co-Captain, Columbus Telegram Captain, Associated Press 2nd team, Academic All-State, CRC All-Star game, Columbus All-Star game, GI All-Star game, Hastings All-Star game. **Nick Gustafson**-CRC 1st team, All-State HM, York News Times 1st team, Columbus Telegram HM, CRC All-Star game, Columbus All-Star game. **Robert Klingsporn**-All-Nebraska HM, York News Times HM, Columbus Telegram HM.

Luke Samuelson putting up a jumpshot from the corner.

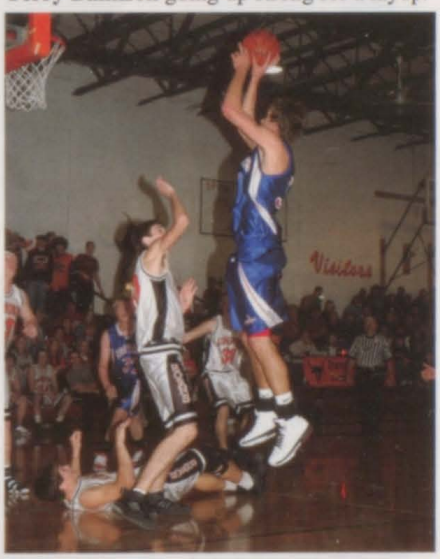
Joe Fowler driving baseline.

Nick Gustafson avoiding the defender for a layup.



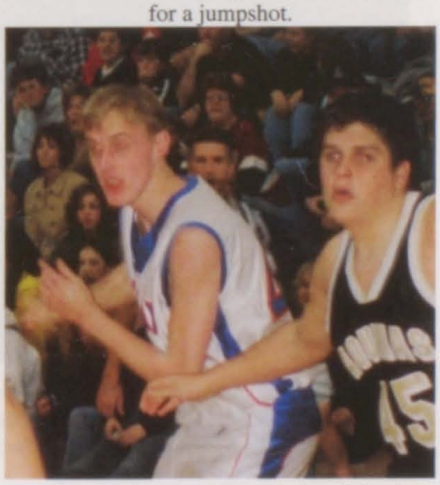
Robert Klingsporn setting up the offense under pressure.

Terry Bankson going up strong for a layup.



Marcus Bender skying over the defenders for a jumpshot.

Front row: Ryland Veburg, Jordan Gustafson, Bryson Engholm, Matt Anderson.
Middle row: Trent Tonniges, Ben Schulze, Luke Samuelson, Joe Ditloff, Terry Bankson, Michael Spence.
Back row: Derek Rodine, Marcus Bender, Robert Klingsporn, Joe Fowler, Nick Gustafson, Ethan Spence.



Matt Anderson determined to defend this opponent.

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Girls Track

Meagan Sundberg taking off for the first leg in the 4x800 relay.

Britny Kava winding up to throw the discus.

Scoreboard

Merrick County - No Team Scores
Cedar Rapids - 8th Place
Meridian - 6th Place
High Plains Trianguler - No Scores
Palmer - 3rd Place
CRC - 6th Place
St. Ed - 4th Place Tie
Districts - 8th Place

Back row: Student Manager Kylie Jarecke, Ashley Swanson, Melissa Sundberg, Alison Anderson, Nealey Hoffman, Amanda Kobza, Michaela Majerus, Sierra Dittmer, Tyler Sneed, Student Manager Jessica Geidel. Middle row: Lacey Jarecke, Kinsley Shoup, Hannah Lott, Becky Kobza, Brooke Brown, Britny Kava. Front row: Becca Geidel, Meagan Sundberg, Amanda Hanquist, Brooke Engel, Anna Swanson, Thania Sanchez.

Becky Kobza heads to the finish line.

Brooke Engel and **Melissa Sundberg** running side by side in the 3200 meter sprint.

Amanda Hanquist looks fierce as she jumps this hurdle to beat opponent.

Anna Swanson watches her throw and waits for the results.

Girls Varsity Track team had their ups and downs during their competitive season, but in spite of everything, they sure had fun! The girls knew the importance of being able to concentrate and focus while competing. In the midst of all their hard work, these girls had some crazy times.

The 4x800 meter relay team qualified for the Central Nebraska Track Championship meet in Grand Island and at Districts Melissa Sundberg qualified in the 1600 meter run for a trip to the State meet in Omaha.

Overall, the coaches were pleased with the season. Head coach was Don Walford, and the assistant coaches were Jim Pekarek, Joe Krysl, and Steve Meyer. "Alright!"

Ashley Swanson and **Nealey Hoffman** making their way around the track.

Hannah Lott gets mentally prepared as she waits to pole vault.

Senior Spotlight

Seniors **Brooke Engel** and **Amanda Hanquist** would like to thank the girls track team for a memorable season. They enjoyed leading the team to many successful performances this year. They wish you all the best of luck in the years to come.

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HPC

Boy's Track

State Bound

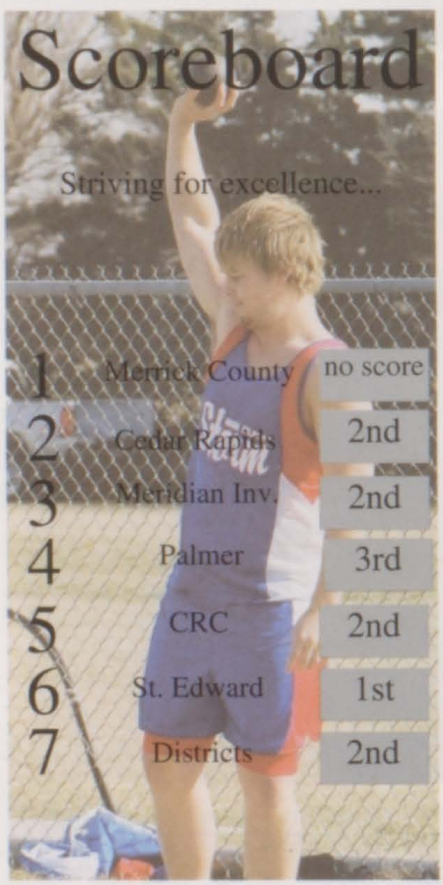
Marcus Bender attacking the hurdle as he did many times, Marcus qualified for the state meet in the 110 hurdles with a district time of 41.8

This years boy's track team had high hopes to place in the top two in every track meet that they competed in. With a good senior group with great leadership Coach Meyer, (the boys' head coach) was pushing for excellence. The team had the strongest group of men in the throwing events, with three seniors competing in the discus and two seniors and a junior in the shot. Other schools started to remember the name of "High Plains".

Another strong point was Robert Klingsporn competing in the 100, 200, long jump, and 4x100 meter relay. When the team came together and competed with some personal records, the HPC boy's track team was pretty tough to beat.

This year was full of record breakers; Tanner Kuhn set his heart on breaking the record in the 400 and finally did it at the CRC track meet with a time of 54.3. Tanner also was on the 1600 meter relay along with Marcus Bender, Nick Gustafson, and Joe Ditloff. The boys improved their time of a 3:46 to a school record 3:39. Mitch Kobza also broke the shot put record with a heave of 52'4'' and he and Derek Rodine also competed in the Grand Island Invitational. Marcus Bender, one who also competed in the Grand Island Invitational, broke the discus record with a throw of 154'2'' shattering the old record of 135'11'' last held by Derek Rodine.

The boys had a great year finishing at districts with the 2nd place trophy and qualified three for the state meet in five events.



State Qualifiers and Medalist

Derek Rodine - Shot Put
1st @ Districts with a throw of 50'5"

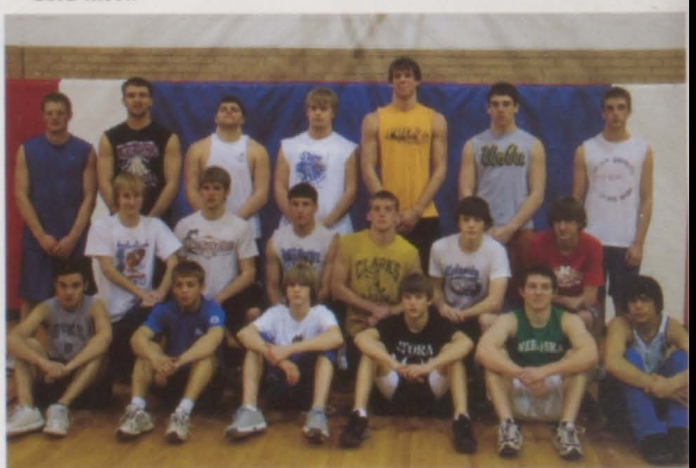
Marcus Bender - Discus
1st @ Districts with a throw of 143'8"

Marcus Bender - 110 Hurdles
2nd @ Districts with a time of 15.7

Robert Klingsporn - 100 M & 200 M Dash
2nd @ Districts in the 100 M Dash with a time of 11.3
2nd @ Districts in the 200 M Dash with a time of 23.6

Right: **Derek Rodine** placed 7th at the State meet with a throw of 49' 8 1/4 inch. Congratulations Derek!

Right: **Mitch Kobza** trying his best to improve his mark and the school record that he currently holds with a 52'4''toss. Not only did he break the school record but also set a new meet record at the CRC meet.



Back row: Joe Ditloff, Mitch Kobza, Mike Wagoner, Derek Rodine, Marcus Bender, Clete Vrbka, Jonathan Hanquist. Middle row: Jacob Kennedy, Robert Klingsporn, Nick Gustafson, Tanner Kuhn, John Oliver, Mike Spence. Front row: Josh Greo, Brandon Nickolite, Trent Tonniges, Ian Carson, David Oliver, Robby Wilson.

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Robert Klingsporn doing work while competing in the 100 meter dash.

David Oliver running the curve in the 4x800 meter relay.

Co-teammate to David, **Nick Gustafson** running his best to get to the hand off.

John Oliver keeping ahead of the pack.

Trent Tonniges "breaking his back" to get over the bar in high jump.

Brandon Nickolite giving it his all in the long jump.

Mike Wagoner in his power position to fling the discus out there.

Ian Carson clears the bar.

Nick Gustafson and **Marcus Bender** exchanging the hand off in the 4x400 relay, they broke the school record with a time of 3:39.

Clete Vrbka holding **Joe Ditloff**'s blocks as he gets ready to sprint the 400.

Jacob Kennedy crosses the finish line in the 800 meter dash.

Josh Greo rakes the sand pit at our triangular.

Mitch Kobza trying to get the discus to fly at the Osecola meet.

Mike Spence rounding the curve in the 800 meter dash and finishing hard.

Derek Rodine competing hard in the shot put and giving it his best to throw it 50 ft.+.

Jon Hanquist and **Brandon Nickolite** sprint to the finish line.

Derek Rodine letting the discus fly as he spins.

Robert Klingsporn going crazy in the long jump and reaching his personal best of 20'7''.

Clete Vrbka soaring through the air in the triple jump.

Mike Wagoner tosses the shot put.

Trent Tonniges making it over the 110 high hurdles.

Marcus Bender in perfect position to get his personal best and the school record of 154'2''.

Tanner Kuhn, the new 400 meter record holder, sprinting as hard as he can to get 'er done.

Robert Klingsporn having an easy time in this race.

Golf '08

The golf team was faced with inexperience this year. Senior Matt Anderson provided the leadership needed along with Lacey Stromberg and Luke Samuelson. Lacey showed that she could play with the most of them, beating almost everyone on the team.

Weather didn't corportate very well this year, making practice time difficult. But the team peaked at the right times getting great performances from the golfers.

Aaron Blase ready to tee off.

Back row: Luke Samuelson, Kyle Hohnholt, Matthew Anderson, Ben Schulze, Wyatt Miller, Aaron Blase. Front row: Bryan Hohnholt, Lacey Stromberg, Ariana Bolton, Isabelle Edson, Grace Edson. Not pictured: Ethan Spence and Coach Keith Killion.

Kyle Hohnholt putting.

Lacey Stromberg and **Aaron Blase** getting ready to go hit the ball.

Ethan Spence getting ready, **Grace Edson** holding the flag, and **Bryan Hohnholt** putting.

Ethan Spence a little short with this putt.

Above: **Wyatt Miller** looks to the cup for this putt.

Left: **Matt Anderson** wishing for a caddy.

Right: **Luke Samuelson** teeing off.

Far Right: **Matt Anderson** hoping his shot will make it on the green.

Grace Edson chipping to the green.

Golf Scoreboard

Central City Dual	2nd
Heartland Lutheran Dual	1st
Clay Center Invite	1st
York Dual	2nd
Centura Invite	6th
CRC (Friend)	1st
Osceola	3rd
Districts	4th Tie

Luke Samuelson moving on to the next tee box.

Ariana Bolton looking good.

Brian Hohnholt ready to tee off.

Wyatt Miller swinging away.

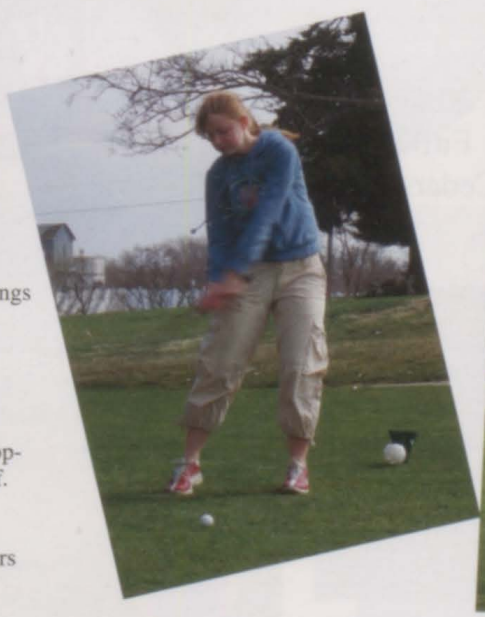
Kyle Hohnholt chipping onto the green.

Above: **Ben Schulze** swings away.

Left: **Lacey Stromberg** chipping on to the green.

Right: **Isabelle Edson** hoping to have a good tee off.

Far Right: **Ben Schulze** pulls the flag for the others putting.



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Garrett Reimers running at the Central City Invitational.

Mike Wohlgemuth talks to Coach Walford before his race begins.

Garrett Reimers placed 4th at the Fullerton Invite at Whispering Cedars.

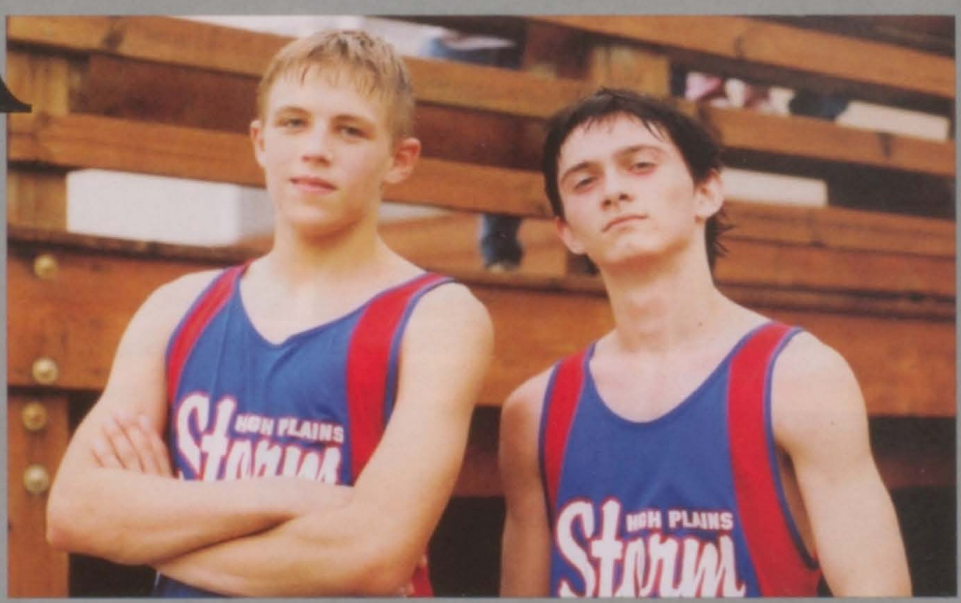
Michael Wohlgemuth finished 8th at the Fullerton meet held at Whispering Cedars.

Run, run, run

History making Cross Country team at HPC

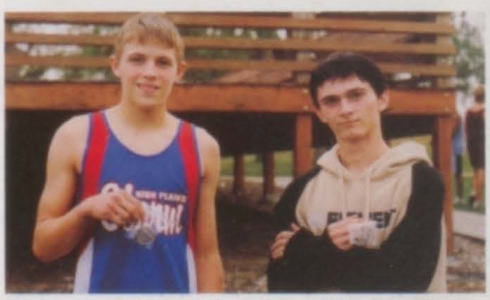
The inaugural season for the High Plains Cross Country team and its two members saw competition at five meets. Two seniors made up the team, Garrett Reimers and Michael Wohlgemuth. Don Walford took the reigns as coach for the team in its first season, on a trail basis.

The five meets were: Central City Invite, Malcolm Invite, York Invite, Fullerton Invite at Whispering Cedars, and Districts at David City.



Making history at High Plains Community High School are team members of the first ever cross country team **Garrett Reimers** and **Michael Wohlgemuth**.

Michael and **Garrett** kick off the cross country season at Central City.



Michael and **Garrett** ready to start the first race of the season (left) and then show off their medals (right) from the Fullerton meet held at Whispering Cedars.

Kinsley

Rachel

Heather

Kaylee

Brittany

Isabelle

Cheerleading Squad: Back: **Kinsley Shoup, Kaylee Reimers, Rachel Shotkoski, Brittany Spence.** Front: **Isabelle Edson** and **Heather Reimers**

The Cheerleaders were a group of dedicated and hard-working young ladies. The six of them planned the homecoming bonfire, with the help of the senior parents, cheered at the football, volleyball, and basketball games, cheered and helped with the wrestling invite and planned homecoming week.

At the end of the first quarter two of them moved and that left four unexperienced cheerleaders. But these four, with very different ideas, pulled together and cheered for the teams, ending the year in good shape. They ended the year helping with the athletic banquet and tryouts for next year.

The girls make a 'C' out of their pom poms at the bonfire pep rally.

Above: Ending the year on the cheerleading squad was: (back) Brittany Spence, Rachel Shotkoski (front) Isabelle Edson and Kinsley Shoup.

Right: Leading the crowd with a cheer at the bonfire pep rally.

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Middle School Sports

Volleyball

Third row: Coach Angie Eberle, Kendra Samuelson, Carly Redman, Katelyn Shoup, MacKenzie Stevens, Brittany Martin, Joslyn Blase, Coach Laura Senff. Second row: Chancy Miller, Kelley Robinson, Ashley Morris, Laura Chavez, Elizabeth Oliver, Emily Kuhn, Megan Fitzgerald, Hilary Kava. First row: Kylee Fischer, Brianna Verba, Katie VanHousen, Carla Sanchez, Morgan VanHousen, Shelbi Dittmer.

Volleyball Scoreboard

HPC		OPP
2	Rising City	0
0	Hampton	2
2	McCool	0
2	Giltner	1
0	Exeter-Milligan	2
2	Cross County	0
2	Chapman	1

Final Record: 4 - 3

Football

Second row: Student Manager Zach Hejtmanek, Ethan Fleming, Michelle Majerus, Shala Ostberg, Derek DeMers, Tanner Hannappel, Dalton McWain, Kyle Beck, Alex Bender, Student Manager Colton Flinn. First row: Eric Goertzen, Austyn Beck, Jacob Reyner, Lane Church, Brandon Burruss, Steven Theis, Tanner Fate. Not Pictured: Coaches Steve Meyer, Keith Killion.

Football Scoreboard

HPC		OPP
0	Hampton	58
6	Shelby	36
0	Giltner	38
16	Exeter-Milligan	36

Final Record: 0 - 4

Girls Basketball

Second row: Coach Joe Krysl, Katelyn Shoup, Chancy Miller, Michelle Majerus, Shala Ostberg, Brittany Martin, Shelbi Dittmer, MacKenzie Stevens, Joslyn Blase, Coach Angie Eberle. First row: Kendra Samuelson, Kylie Fischer, Karla Sanchez, Megan Fitzgerald, Emily Kuhn, Katie VanHousen, Morgan VanHousen, Kelley Robinson.

Girls Basketball Scoreboard

HPC		OPP
37	Chapman	27
19	McCool	36
8	Hampton	28
16	Giltner	14
32	Rising City	13
27	NE Christian	8
	Cedar Rapids Tourney-3rd	
14	Newman Grove	25
23	NE Christian	21

Final Record: 5 - 3

MS Wrestling

Second row: Student Manager Ethan Fleming, Kyle Beck, Tanner Hannappel, Tanner Fate, Student Manager Colton Flinn. First row: Brandon Burruss, Lane Church, Steven Theis. Not Pictured: Coach Shane Strobel.

MS Wrestling Schedule

Clay Center Invite
Dorchester Invite
Walnut G.I. Invite
High Plains Invite
Centennial Invite
Seward Invite

Boys Basketball Scoreboard

HPC		OPP
16	McCool	30
12	Hampton	42
9	Giltner	60
54	Rising City	17
27	NE Christian	17
	Cedar Rapids Tourney	
23	Newman Grove	37
23	Fullerton	29
	Chapman Tourney- 3rd	
23	NE Christian	25
32	St. Libory	24
	Final Record: 3 - 6	

Boys Basketball

Second row: Ethan Fleming, Tanner Hannappel, Austyn Beck, Dalton McWain, Derek DeMers. First Row: Brandon Burruss. Eric Goertzen, Alex Bender, Tanner Fate, Adam Bannitser, Lane Church. Not Pictured: Coach Steve Meyer.

Girls Track

Third row: Shelbi Dittmer, Megan Fitzgerald, Michelle Majerus, Morgan VanHousen, Shala Ostberg, Brittany Martin. Second row: Hilary Kava, Katelyn Shoup, Kendra Samuelson, Katie VanHousen, Joslyn Blase, MacKenzie Stevens, Ashley Morris. First row: Karla Sanchez, Emily Kuhn, Laura Chavez, Brianna Verba, Kylee Fischer, Elizabeth Oliver, Kelley Robinson.

Boys Track

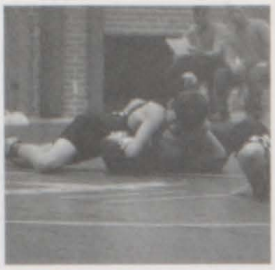
Second row: Josiah Dixon, Alex Bender, Tanner Fate, Adam Bannister, Tanner Hannappel, Colton Flinn, Kyle Beck, Derek DeMers. First row: Brandon Burruss, Austyn Beck, Eric Goertzen, Zach Hejtmanek, Ethan Fleming, Jacob Reyner.

MS Track Scoreboard

Boys		Girls
5th	High Plains Invite	2nd
9th	Hampton Invite	4th
10th	Fullerton Invite	5th
9th	CRC Meet	3rd
6th	Twin River Invite	4th

Jacob Reyner races to the finish.

Emily Kuhn bumps the ball to the setter.



Tanner Hannappel gets the pin.

Lane Church finishes the match.

Carly Redman subs in.

Chancy Miller and **Brittany Martin** looking for the rebound.

Go Strom!

Derek DeMers and **Alex Bender** in the game.

Ashley Morris contemplating her throw.

The volleyball team ready.

Lining up for the snap.

Ethan Fleming waits for the rebound.

Kylee Fischer air born.

Middle School Sports

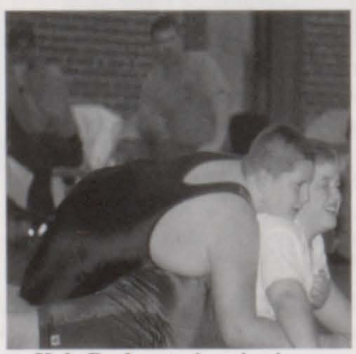
Katelyn Shoup ready for the hand off.

This high jumper clears the bar.

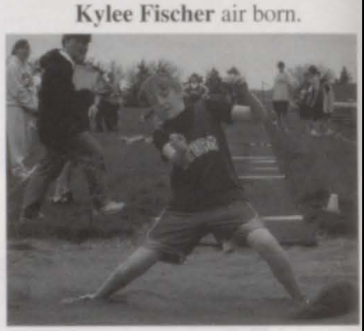
Shala Ostberg ready for the tackle.

Kendra Samuelson serves.

Katie VanHousen checks her serve.



Kyle Beck gets the take down.

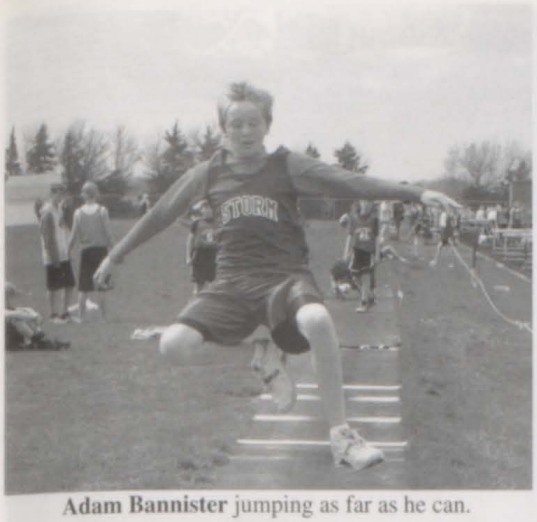


Zach Hejtmanek lands in the sand.

Tanner Fate ready for the pass.

Up and over!

Joslyn Blase looks to see where the ball is.



Adam Bannister jumping as far as he can.

Brandon Burruss wrestling his opponent.

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Shelbi Dittmer throwing shot put.

Kendra Samuelson moving to get the pass.

Austyn Beck ready for the shot.

Eric Goertzen waiting for the ball to be thrown in.

Steven Thies getting a take down.

Tanner Fate finishing his relay.

The football team takes a time out for a break.

Michelle Majerus on the court.

MacKenzie Stevens races to the finish line.

The Storm team tackling the opposing team.

Austyn Beck skies for the jump.

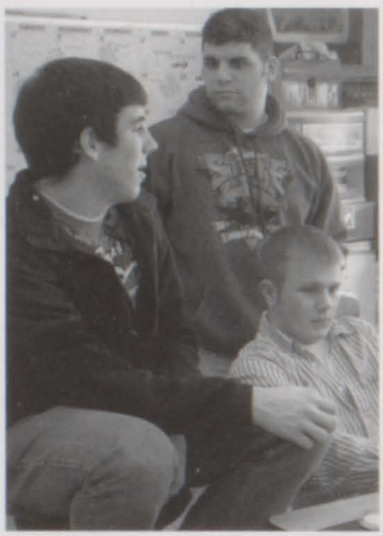
Chancy Miller gets ready to bump the ball.

Yearbook

Trevor Schnabel thinking about what he should do next on his page.

Above: **Marcus Bender** deep in thought.

Right: **Lacey Stromberg, Mary Ziemba,** and **Alison Veburg** took a quick break from ad selling for some ice cream.

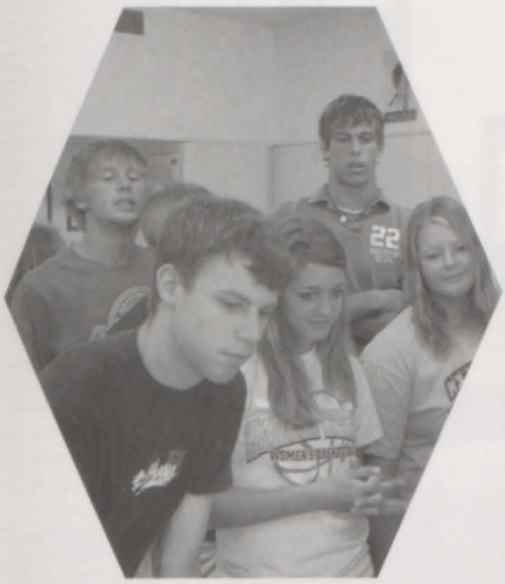


Clete Vrbka, **Mike Wagoner** and **Jesse Dubas** work together on some ideas for their page.

The yearbook staff: Back row: William Stearns, Trevor Schnabel, Jesse Dubas, Caleb Church, Michael Wagoner, Marcus Bender, Clete Vrbka, Nicole Gravlin. Front row: Rachel Shotkoski, Lacey Stromberg, Karlie Blase, Amanda Hanquist, Brooke Engel, Mary Ziemba, Alison Veburg, and Sarah Hammond.

Left: **William Stearns** smiles for the camara.

Right: **Nicole Gravlin** and **Trevor Schnabel** looking eager to start selling ads.



Left: Isn't learning fun? **Trevor Schnabel, Caleb Church, Alison Veburg, Marcus Bender,** and **Mary Ziemba** seem to think so.

Right: **Mrs. Gilson** showing **Mary Ziemba** something on the computer.

Below: **Trevor Schnabel, William Stearns,** and **Rachel Shotkoski** taking a break from selling ads.

Karlie, Amanda, Brooke, Sarah

Trevor, Nicole, Rachel, Will

Sellin' Ads

The Desktop Publishing class was made up of sixteen students. If it weren't for their creative ideas, this yearbook wouldn't exist. They all had different ideas for this book, so they had a really tough time with it. They came up with the theme for this yearbook and designed the pages and cover.

Sometimes they even got to miss a day of school to sell ads to help pay for it. Linda Gilson, the advisor, was a huge help.

Along with coming up with yearbook ideas, they had to create the Monthly Forecast, the school's newsletter every month. These newsletters are sent out to parents, students, and patrons to keep them informed of school happenings.

Jesse, Caleb, Mike

Lacey, Mary, Ali

Left: **Brooke Engel, Karlie Blase,** and **Amanda Hanquist** walking back to class.

Above: **Sarah Hammond** having some difficulties getting her yearbook pass over her head.

Right: **Michael Wagoner, Caleb Church, Clete Vrbka, and Jesse Dubas** eating their ice cream after the selling was finished in Central City.

Storm Student Council

Becoming a leader, and learning not to follow

Above & Below: Members working on the fence and doing some raking in front of the elementary building at clean up night.

Above: **Jesse Dubas**, **Caleb Church**, and **Nate Hoffman** "doing work" on building our new benches that sit outside of the school.

Left: **Mike Wagoner** and **David Oliver** High Plains Student Council President and Vice President.

Student Council is an organization within our school that works together to make the school a better learning environment and to make the school look as sharp as possible. Last year student council was responsible for cutting down the trees in the front of the school, and getting under ground sprinklers installed along with new grass planted. This year they continued that project putting benches out front of the high school and having a clean up night, where they did some landscaping and trash pick-up. Student council is all about working together for the betterment of our school.

Also this year members of the Student Council went to the district meeting where they participated in exercises that help them get ideas in ways to make the school environment better.

Student Council member **Clete Vrbka** helps the secretary, **Jodi Vrbka** put up a holiday bulletin board.

Caleb Church and **Derek Rodine** have some trouble getting the pop over to the elementary building to fill the machine.

Back row: Becca Geidel, Cheyanne Schultz, Mary Ziemba, Nealey Hoffman, Amanda Hanquist, Joe Ditloff, Ashley Fleming, Derek Rodine, Alison Veburg, Marcus Bender, Lacey Jarecke, Mike Wagoner, Caleb Church, Nate Hoffman, Clete Vrbka, Jesse Dubas, David Oliver, James VanHousen, Sarah Hammond, Jordan Gustafson, Tyler Sneed. Front row: Whitney Engel, Brittany Benkis, Anna Swanson, Haley Strobel, Thania Sanchez, Brooke Engel, Hannah Lott, Katrina Quick. Not Pictured: Bryan Hohnholt.

Student Council providing breakfast to students on the first day of school.

Joe Fowler and **Bryan Hohnholt** taking on one of the important roles and filling the pop machines.

Vice President, **David Oliver**, giving his speech to the student body on election day.

Some very classy Seniors at the Christmas Concert.

Our Drum Majorette
Amanda Hanquist.

HPC BAND

Play the music, not just the notes-
Fred Hess

Harvest of Harmony Queen Candidate,
Brooke Engel.

Flag Corps: **Brooke Engel, Hannah Lott, Michaela Majerus, Nealey Hoffman, Alison Veburg, Shelby Labarge, Katrina Quick, Isabelle Edson.**

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Left: Band members were outfitted for the season at the Christmas Concert.

Below: Our very cool band director **Mr. Hess**!

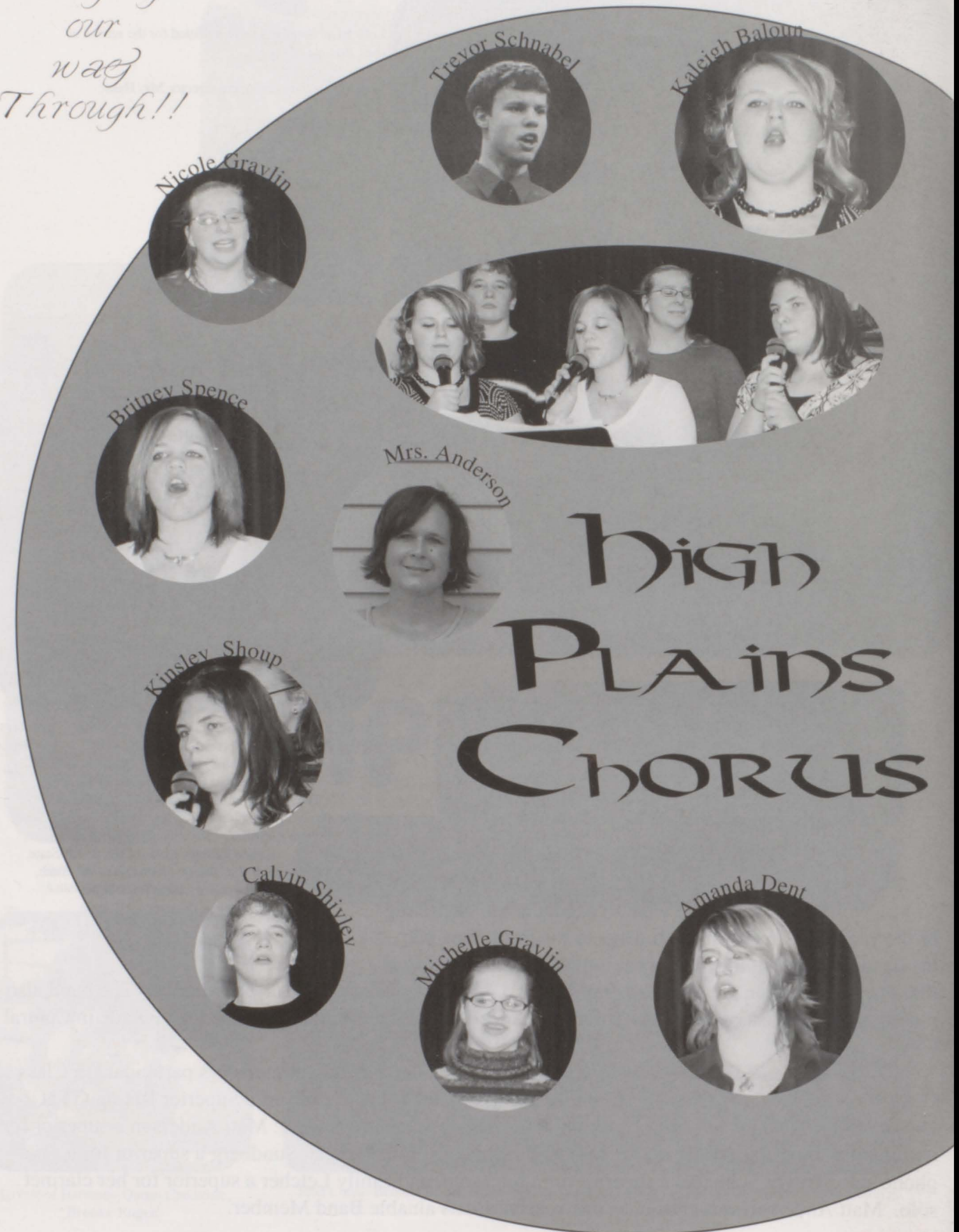
Medalists in CRC Band and Class C All-State band members.
Back row: **Matt Anderson** - Trombone - CRC & All-State,
Jonathan Hanquist - Trombone - CRC,
Aaron Blase - Percussion - CRC,
Trevor Schnabel - Tuba - CRC & All-State.
Front row: **Mary Ziemba** - Trumpet - CRC & All-State,
Meagan Sundberg- Saxophone - CRC & All-State,
Grace Edson - Flute - CRC & All-State.
Not Pictured: Carl Rahrs - Trombone - All-State,
Alison Veburg - Flute - All-State,
David Oliver - Trumpet - All-State.

The Marching Storm at the Veterans Day Parade in Central City.

None of us were sure what to expect at the beginning of the year after "recruiting" students to the drum line, but the band proved that they had what it took to be a good band. The marching season got off to a great start by taking 3rd place at the Yorkfest Parade. The band also placed at the Harvest of Harmony Parade and received 1st place at the Veterans Day Parade in Central City.

The concert season was equally successful. The band had eight members participate in Class C All-State Bands and several 1st Chair medalists at CRC. They received a Superior Rating (1) at District Music Contest in Columbus. Individual ratings at districts were: Matt Anderson a superior for a trombone solo, Grace Edson an excellent for her flute solo, Meagan Sundberg a superior for a saxophone solo, Trevor Schnabel a superior for a tuba solo, and Emily Letcher a superior for her clarinet solo. Matt Anderson was chosen as this year's Most Valuable Band Member.

Singing our way Through!!



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Trevor Schnabel singing a solo. He also sang a solo at graduation.

The final performance at Fine Arts Night.

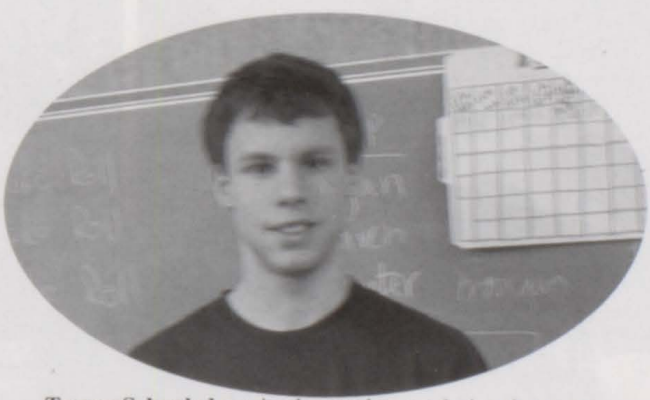
Mrs. Anderson handing out awards to the choir members.

Kinsley Shoup preforms a solo at Fine Arts Night.

This year has been exciting for the high school choir beginning the year with a new choir director. Mrs. Laurie Anderson came to High Plains and showed the choir how music is enjoyable and fun. And the members had a great time in the process. They had lots of help from their pianist Mary Jane Samuels and from Mr. Hess at times. "This year was a blast" one of the members said.

Some highlights of the year included getting an excellent rating at districts, preforming for Center 7 in Columbus, and preforming at the many concerts at the high school. Many honors were received throughout the year. Trevor Schnabel was chosen as the Most Valuable Choir Member announced at fine arts night in May. He also was selected to be in the UNK, All-State, and Hastings College honor choirs. He sang a solo at districts and received a superior. Kinsley Shoup also received a superior rating at districts for a solo. She was also selected to be in the UNK honor choir. Kinsley and Trevor sang a duet at districts, receiving a superior rating. Kaleigh Baloun also received a superior rating for a solo at districts.

Kaleigh Baloun, Calvin Shively, Brittany Spence, Nicole Gravlin, Kinsley Shoup, and **Amanda Dent** sing their hearts out during a concert.



Trevor Schnabel received many honors during the year.

FFA

The High Plains FFA had a great year. Three people, Matt Anderson, Grant Friesen, and Lacey Stromberg, received their state degree, twenty five members attended and competed at state, and the group helped the Hammond family plant trees. It was a busy and productive year.

Numerous contest were attended with many of the members performing great and receiving awards for their hard work. Among those were District Leadership Skills, Land Judging Evaluation, and the State Convention. The annual banquet and slave auction was held in May with appreciation showed to everyone from the communities that helped during the year. FFA week was celebrated in the spring with activities held daily for the members as well as the student body.

Lacey Jarecke was selected to participate in the World Food Institute. The essay she wrote was entitled, "Empty Plates or Full Tanks."

Mr. Nielson, the advisor, was awarded the Dekalb Award for thirty-five years of service.

First chapter meeting of the school year, held at Hammond's pool house.

Ryland Veburg won the Creed Speaking Contest.

Sarah Hammond, **Aaron Blase**, **Courtney Doremus** & **Lacey Jarecke** at COLT, Chapter Officer Leadership Training, in Aurora.

Lacey Stromberg, **Grant Friesen**, and **Matthew Anderson** getting ready to get their State Degree.

Amanda Burruss and **Matt Anderson** looking over the petting zoo.

Kyle Hohnholt pets a kitten at the petting zoo during the Clarks Bean Days.

Paul Blase harvesting the test plot of beans for the FFA.

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Mike Wohlgemuth lookin' good.

Ryland Veburg rolling out wire.

FFA Members

Front row: Nate Hoffman, Jason Church, Amanda Kobza, Nick Gustafson, Josh Fitzgerald, Jeremiah Reyner. Second row: Jamee Scherer, Amanda Burruss, Courtney Doremus, Ryland Veburg, Trevor Osantowski, Daniel Thies, Taylor Doremus, Lacey Jerecke, Joe Ditloff. Third row: Josh Greo, Wyatt Miller, Grant Friesen, Kaleigh Baloun, Sarah Hammond, Matthew Anderson, Mike Wohlgemuth, Jacob Kennedy, Scott Holtorf. Fourth row: Carl Rahrs, Ethan Spence, Matt Lampshire, Anthony Beck, Lacey Stromberg, James VanHousen, Ben Schulze, Aaron Blase, Jonathan Hanquist.

Officers ready to eat at COLT.

Activities were held after lunch during FFA week.

Amanda Burruss, **Aaron Blase**, and **Carl Rahrs** at State FFA.

2007-2008 Chapter Officers

Back row: Chaplin - Amanda Burruss, Vice President - Matthew Anderson, Reporter - Lacey Jarecke, Treasurer - Aaron Blase, Historian - Courtney Doremus, Front row: Sentenal - Lacey Stromberg, President - Sarah Hammond, Parlimentarian - Joe Ditloff, Secretary - Scott Holtorf

Matthew Anderson and **Sarah Hammond** messing around at a meeting.

Follow The Leaders Of FCCLA

Here are just a few of the members of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America

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This year the HPC FCCLA chapter has been super busy, we started the year off with the annual ice cream bash where members old and new joined for ice cream sundaes. In November, we sent 8 members to the National Cluster Meeting in Denver, Colorado, attendees included David Oliver, Mary Ziemba, Denise Carlstrom, Kyle Hohnholt, Lacey Jarecke, Amanda Burruss, Rachel Shotkoski, Kinsley Shoup, they spent 3 days going to meetings and site-seeing. For district STAR held in January this year, the parliamentary procedure team got top silver and was eligible to compete at state where they placed 3rd; members include, David Oliver, Grace Edson, Denise Carlstrom, Sarah Staniec, Lacey Jarecke, and Mary Ziemba. Also at state, Lacey Jarecke ran for a state office, unfortunately she did not make it, but we are very proud of her. In February Sarah Staniec, Sarah Hammond, Karlie Blase, and Denise Carlstrom attended the Peer Ed Retreat in Kearney; there they learned more about the Peer Ed programs. The FCCLA members decorated a float for Bean Day in Clarks and had kids games, a face painting booth and a duck pond. Also this year we held some fund raisers; the annual sale of Godfather's Pizza, and then during basketball season we had a free-throw contest, a soup supper, and sold candy canes to raise money for the national and state outreach projects. The money was donated to Feed the Children and Kids Cancer Connection.

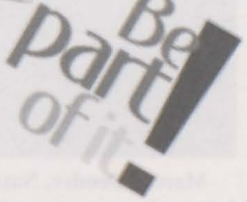
Sarah Staniec, Cheyanne Schultz, Megan Sundberg, Denise Carlstrom, Lacey Jarecke, Mary Ziemba, David Oliver and Grace Edson attended the state FCCLA convention in Lincoln.

A group of FCCLA members went to the District Leadership Conference in Albion.

Mary Ziemba, Sarah Staniec, David Oliver, Lacey Jarecke and Denise Carlstrom participated in the STAR competition.

FCCLA members: (back row) Amanda Burruss, Rachel Shotkoski, Kinsley Shoup, Michaela Majerus, Cheyanne Schultz, Sara Church, Mary Ziemba, Amanda Kobza, David Oliver, Laurie Riblett, Meagan Sundberg, Lacey Jarecke, Anna Swanson, Kyle Hohnholt, Izzy Edson, Grace Edson, Caroline Wilson, Denise Carlstrom, Tyler Sneed, Sarah Staniec, Becca Geidel. (front row) Sarah Hammond, Britny Kava, Thania Sanchez, Melissa Sundberg, Kylie Jarecke, Courtney Doremus, Lacey Stromberg, Karlie Blase, Ashley Swanson, Jessie Geidel.

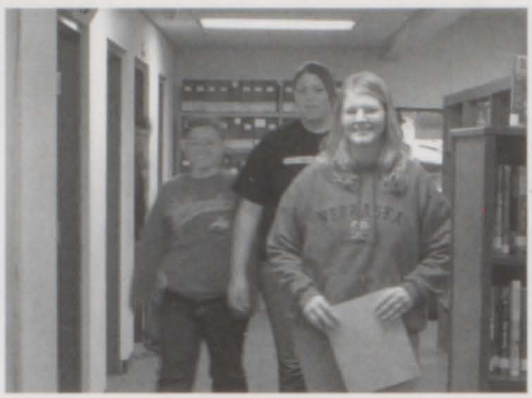
Thania Sanchez is concentrating hard while she paints a face during the Bean Day celebration.



National Honor Society

National Honor Society has had a busy year. First they held a food drive. It was a competition between classes, with the Sophomores collecting the most food and winning. The president this year was Brooke Engel, and the Vice President was Alison Veburg. The advisor was Fran Lott. The National Honor Society also took a day to go to the Zoo in Omaha.

There were eighteen new members inducted into National Honor Society. In order to receive an application, you must have at least a 90% average. Then applicants are awarded points based on leadership, grades, and school and community involvement. If they earn enough points they are accepted in. Their acceptence is kept a secret, until the induction ceremony.



Mary Ziemba bringing new members **Denise Carlstrom** and **Becca Geidel** to the induction ceremony.

Alison Veburg gets **Anna Swanson** and **Haley Strobel** from class and heads to the ceremony.

Marcus Bender, Nate Hoffman, Matt Anderson, Ashley Fleming, Mary Ziemba, and **Alison Veburg** taking part in the induction ceremony of new members.

Ashley Fleming reads her part during the ceremony.

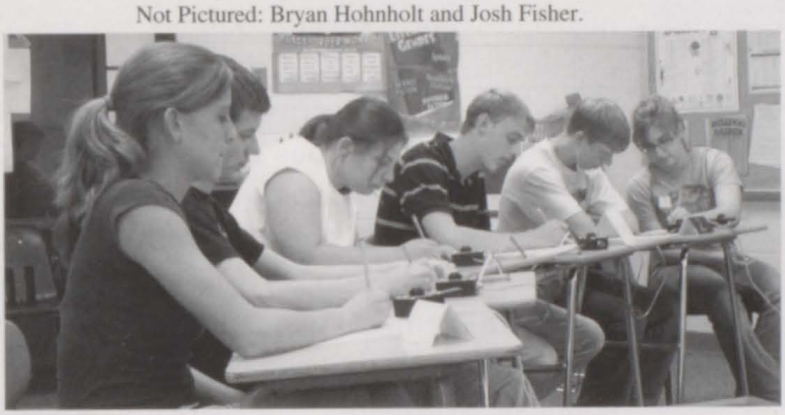
Becca Geidel receives her certificate from **Alison Veburg** and **Mary Ziemba**.

Marcus Bender, Nate Hoffman, and **Matt Anderson** congratulates **Emily Letcher**.

Fourth row: Marcus Bender, Matt Anderson, Nate Hoffman, Alison Veburg, Mary Ziemba, Ashley Fleming.
Third row: Jonathan Hanquist, Will Stearns, Derek Rodine, Anna Swanson, Meagan Sundberg, Hannah Lott.
Second row: Emily Letcher, Denise Carlstrom, Becca Geidel, Corbey Grause, Haley Strobel, Cheyanne Schultz.
First row: Nicole Gravlin, Amanda Burruss, Kinsley Shoup, Lacey Jarecke, Katrina Quick, and Jamee Scherer.
Rows one, two, and three, were the new members for 2008.

Quiz Bowl

Back row: Will Stearns, Grace Edson, Matt Anderson, Jamee Scherer, Aaron Blase.
Front row: Kinsley Shoup, Meagan Sundberg, and Lacey Jarecke.
Not Pictured: Bryan Hohnholt and Josh Fisher.



The team working on a difficult math problem.

We will miss **Ms. Vest**. She has been the sponsor of Quiz Bowl and Actions Day for as long as we can remember.

It has been an exciting year for Quiz Bowl. This year's team had a lot of first timers, but still managed to be successful. At the CRC contest in Shickley the team finished 4th in a competitive conference. At the district meet in Osceola, the team lost by a slim margin. They were eliminated, but they were still proud of how far they went.

Another noteworthy event was Actions Day. 27 students went to Central Community College, taking 100 question tests in a wide variety of categories. Three of our students placed in the top 6 and were awarded trophies. Grace Edson placed 3rd in English II, Terry Bankson placed 3rd in Sports Trivia, and Will Stearns placed 2nd in Geometry. Many other students placed in the top twenty of their areas.

Though this was a happy year, all of our school will miss the sponsor of these activities, Ms. Vest. She has helped these students take an interest in and achieve in academic competitions.

Actions Day

Back row: Derek Rodine, Denise Carlstrom, Mike Wagoner, Marcus Bender, Clete Vrbka, Caleb Church, Corbey Grause, Aaron Blase, Grace Edson, Tanner Kuhn, Jon Hanquist, Will Stearns. Middle row: Alison Veburg, Amanda Hanquist, Sarah Staniec, Brooke Engel, Jesse Dubas, Nate Hoffman, Terry Bankson, Lacey Jarecke, Hannah Lott, Britny Kava. Front row: David Oliver, Haley Strobel, Ashley Fleming, Meagan Sundberg, Anna Swanson.

Trevor Schnabel tries to fake being a doctor in his humorous prose "The Doctor is In".

David Oliver, **Jamee Scherer**, **Kinsley Shoup**, **Lacey Jarecke**, and **Aaron Blase** perform their OID "I Was a Teenage Prom Queen".

Grace Edson tells us the story of Dr. Seuss's Sneetches in her poetry selection.

Speech '08

The Speech Team enjoyed a very successful year. The students proved that they were devoted enough to practice. They had to show up before and after school and occasionally Mrs. Blase's house to brush up on their speeches. The hard work paid off, we had several members either medal or receive superior ratings.

The season got off to a great start at the Hammer Meet in Central City. Trevor Schnabel received 6th in Humorous Prose and Jessica Geidel received 2nd in Serious Prose.

The Osceola meet also went great with Jessica Geidel receiving Top Novice Award in Serious Prose. Other medal winners include: Varsity OID 4th place and Will Stearns 4th place in Extemporaneous Speaking. The team also attended the Cedar Rapids invite with several excellent and superior ratings. Next on the agenda was CRC meet. This was a very successful speech meet with several medal winners: Matt Anderson 6th place Extemp., Trevor Schnabel 5th Place Humorous Prose, and Grace Edson 6th Place Poetry. Certain members of the team went to Doniphan-Trumbull for a meet, the sole medalist being Will Stearns. Then the team traveled to Burwell for Districts. We had several medalists: Varsity OID 4th Place, Grace Edson 3rd Place Poetry, and Matt Anderson 4th Place Extemp.

Congratulations on a great year Speech Team!

Lacey Jarecke and **Will Stearns** relax in the gym at District Speech Meet.

Matt Anderson shows off his medal from Extemp speaking.

The OID "Magic of Madness" performs at the dinner theater. Preforming are **Josh Fisher, Grant Friesen, Isabelle Edson, Kaleigh Baloun, Jessica Geidel.**

Bryan Hohnholt practices his informative speech about the boy scouts.

Lacey Jarecke performs her entertainment speech at the dinner theater.

Coaches **Jean Blase** and **Sue Wilgocki**. Thanks for everything.

Will Stearns and **Kinsley Shoup** practice their duet acting piece, "Shakespeare, Horny Toads and Banana Peels".

Sara Church, Trevor Schnabel, Mrs. Blase, Bryan Hohnholt, and **Aaron Blase** at a meet waiting for results.

Speech Team
Back row: Grace Edson, Carl Rahrs, Trevor Schnabel, Matt Anderson, David Oliver, Kaleigh Baloun, Aaron Blase. Middle row: Bryan Hohnholt, William Stearns, Courtney Doremus, Rachel Shotkoski, Kinsley Shoup, Lacey Jarecke, Jamee Scherer. Front row: Isabelle Edson, Jessica Geidel, Sara Church, Josh Fisher.

High plains 4n6...
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Cast, Crew, & Coaches!!!

Back row: Coach Linda Edson, Will Stearns, Kinsley Shoup, Amanda Burruss, Courtney Doremus, Tyler Sneed, Coach Dorla Lindburg. Middle row: Rebecca Geidel, Trevor Schnabel, David Oliver, Grace Edson, Isabelle Edson, Jessica Geidel. Front row: (Crew) Meagan Sundberg, Thania Sanchez, Cheyanne Schultz, Rachel Shotkoski, Adam Dankelsen. Not Pictured: John Oliver and Jacob Kennedy.

Above: Hooray!!! **Grace Edson** (Dr. Goose) has made **Trevor Schnabel** (Crooked Man) crooked again...for the moment.

Right: **David Oliver** (Jack B Nimble) explains how he burned his rear end to **Rebecca Geidel** (Nurse Gosling).

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One-Act Play

Doc, Doc, Goose!

There are just too many "freak accidents" around here!

With a considerably small cast and crew this year, the One-Act team proved that size doesn't matter. Taking fourth place at conference and fifth at a very competitive district, the team did well. They also performed the play for the community before their competitive contest start.

This year's play was Doc, Doc, Goose!. When you stop and think about those old nursery rhymes, it is easy to see why Mother Goose opened up a clinic. There is no "happily ever after" in Nurseryland. All of the poor nursery rhyme characters are plagued with enough "freak accidents" to keep Dr. Goose and her assistant, Nurse Gosling, busy. From a depraved Queen who craves tarts to a daredevil who burns his caboose jumping over a candle, there doesn't seem to be any peace at all. On top of that, the neighboring Storybook Land threatens to shut them down. They even send a doctor to inspect the clinic.

Outstanding acting awards from both contests were awarded to: Grace Edson, David Oliver, Trevor Schnabel, and Courtney Doremus.

Jessica Geidel (Goldilocks) relates her story to Dr. Goose disguised as... "Blondiecurls"? Umm...so much for a good alias.

Will Stearns (Jack) and **Tyler Sneed** (Jill) discuss how they are going to get the bucket off of Jack's head.

Above: Our coaches were **Linda Edson** and **Dorla Lindburg**. They both did a fantastic job and led us to a great season.

Left: **Isabelle Edson** (Polly), **Kinsley Shoup** (Queen), and **Trevor Schnabel** (Jack Sprat) are concerned for **Amanda Burruss** (Mrs. Sprat), who fainted during an aerobic exercise designed to make them eat healthier food. Hold on...is that a cookie? CHEATER!!!

Courtney Doremus (Little Bo Peep) is convinced that she has lost her sleep instead of her sheep...better bring out the peppermint leaf tea!

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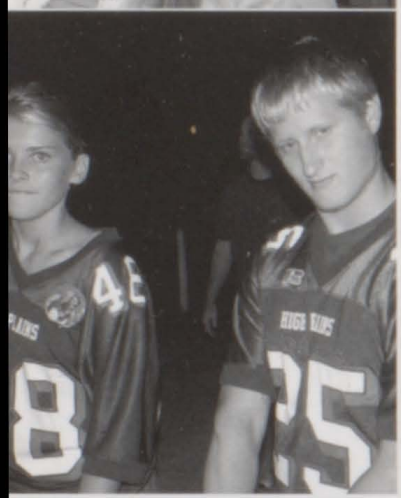

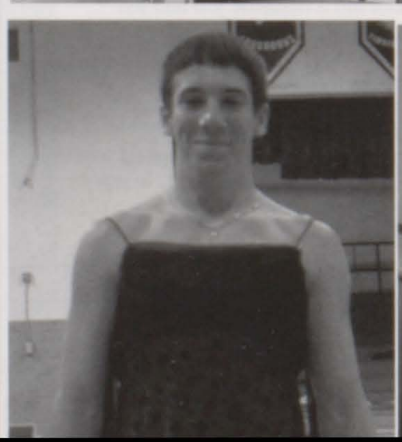

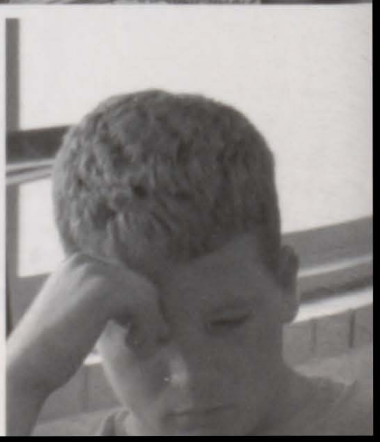

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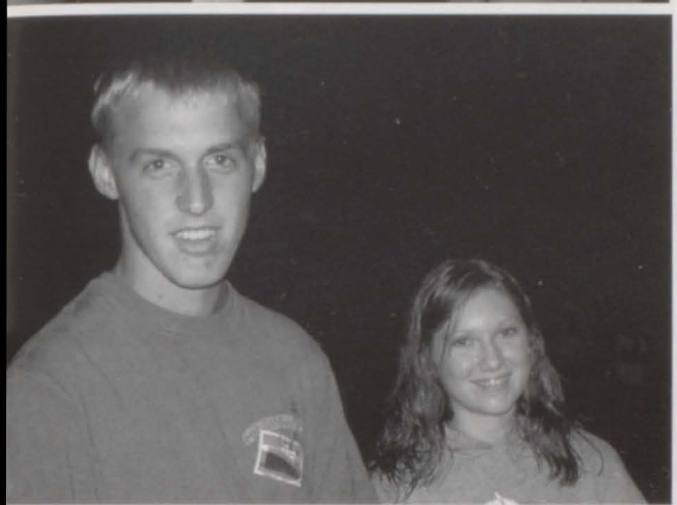

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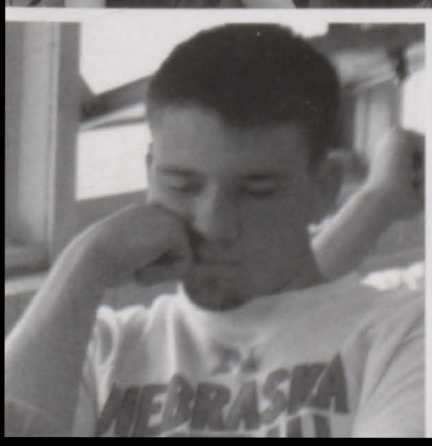
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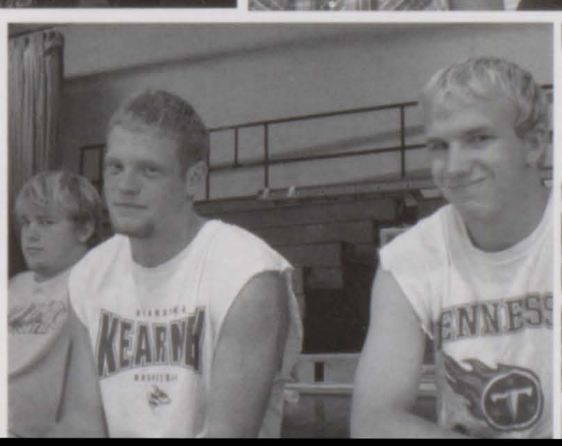
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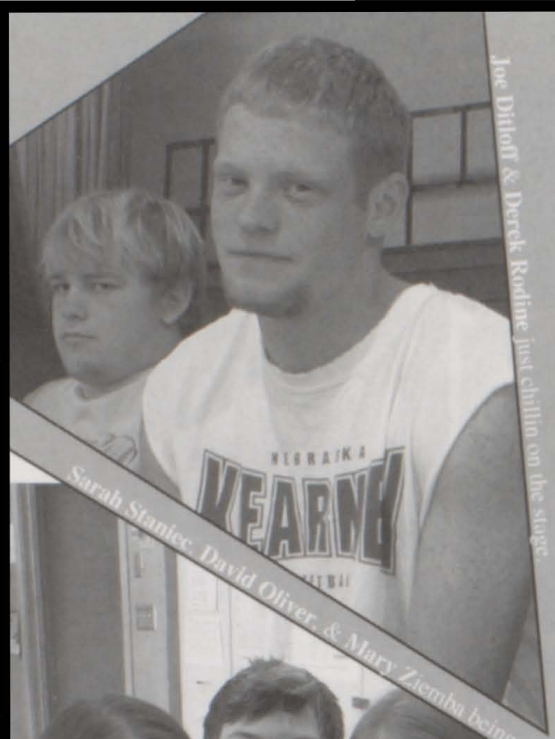
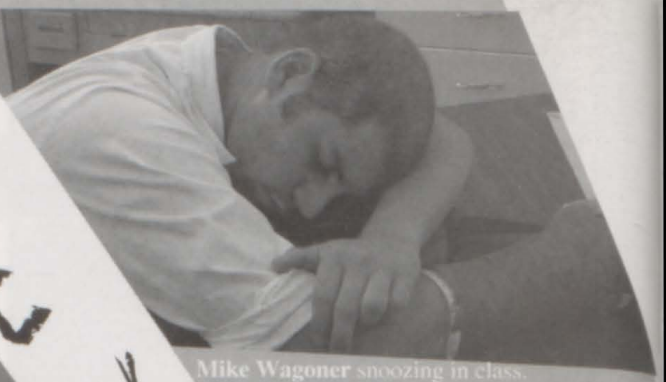


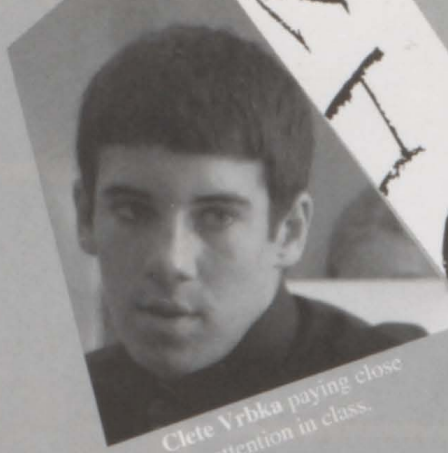
Joe Ditloff & Derek Rodine just chillin on the stage.

Hohnholt



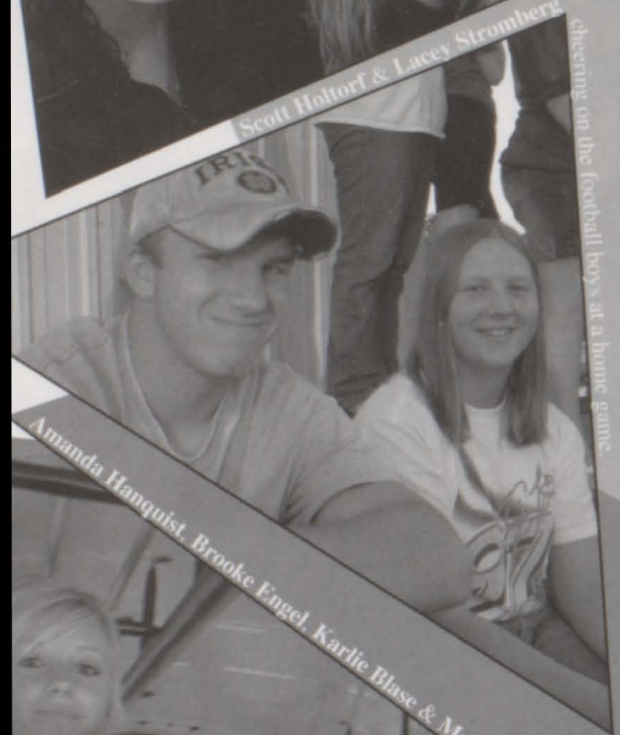
Mike Wagoner snoozing in class.

Sarah Staniec, David Oliver, & Mary Ziemba being crazy at a FCCLA



Clete Vrbka paying close attention in class.

Jesse Dahlke trying to stay awake.



Scott Holtorf & Lacey Stromberg cheering on the football boys at a home game.

Amanda Hanquist, Brooke Engel, Karlie Blase & Marcus Bender must miss riding the bus to school.

Anthony Beck

Nikki Gravlin posing for the snap shot with her million dollar smile.

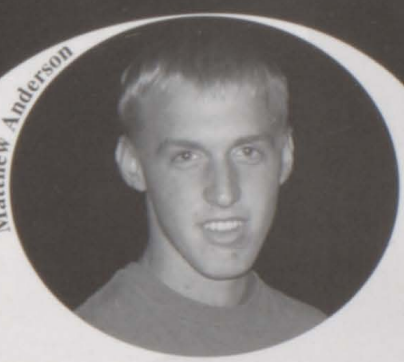
Jerry Reyner

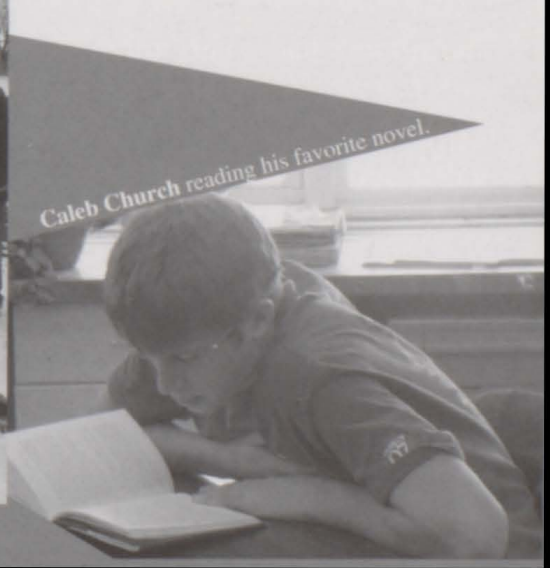
Trevor Schnabel

Nate Hoffman

Senior year was exciting yet challenging. It was a challenge to figure out the next chapter in our lives. It's exciting to know that graduation is in the near future. The highlight of the year would definitely have to be graduation. Many students filled their time with part-time jobs, extracurricular activities, and classes. All in all the year went well and we are all glad to get to college and move on with our lives.

This year's class officers were: Brooke Engel as President, Jesse Dubas as Vice President, Sarah Hammond as Secretary, Marcus Bender as Treasurer, and Caleb Church as Student Council Representative.


Matthew Anderson


Caleb Church reading his favorite novel.

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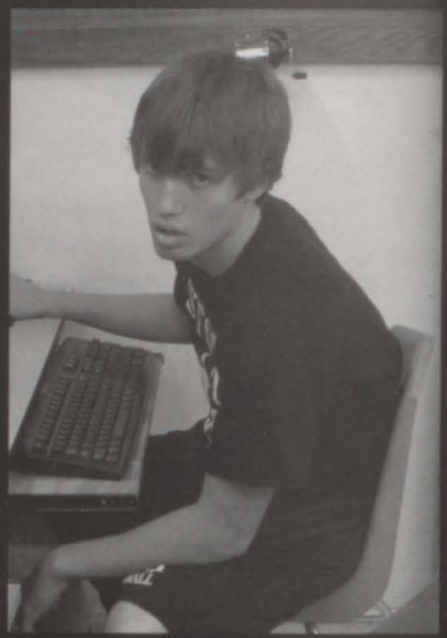

Terry Bankson busy at the computer.

Becca Geidel takes time to give us a smile.

Everyone looks real excited to have a class meeting on the first day of school.

The Juniors had a very interesting year. It was fully packed with fun and interesting things, but also was full with a lot of responsibility. We had to study for the ACT, choose careers, and start thinking about what colleges we are going to attend.

The highlight of our year was getting to decorate for prom. We sold magazines and had cake raffles at some basketball games to earn money for all of the decorations and the DJ. We have made a lot of memories and plan to make many more as we look forward to next year at High Plains.

Junior Class Officers: President **Ashley Fleming**, Vice President **Haley Strobel**, Secretary **Cheyenne Schultz**, Treasurer **Luke Samuelson**, Student Council Rep **Anna Swanson**.

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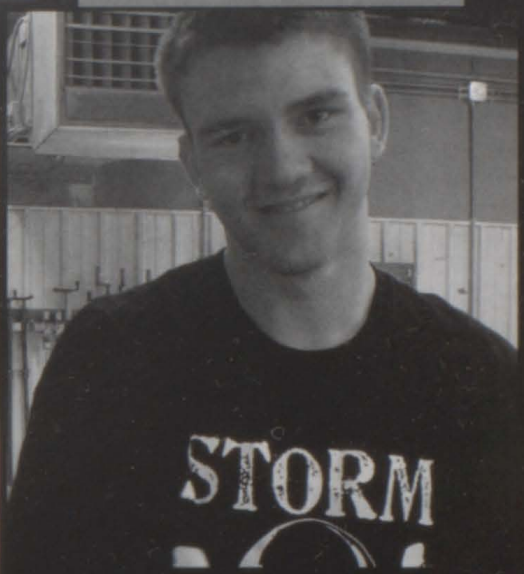
Class of 2009

Meagan Sundberg and **Cheyanne Schultz** sportin' the fro and the horns at a home football game.

Above: **Becca Geidel** and **Britny Kava** are excited to quench their thirst with their water bottles.

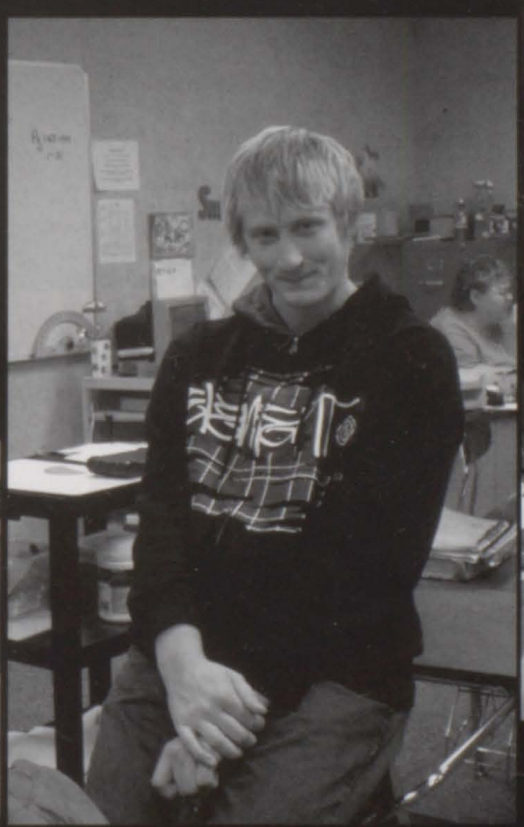
Below: **Joe Fowler** takes time out of class to smile pretty for the camera.



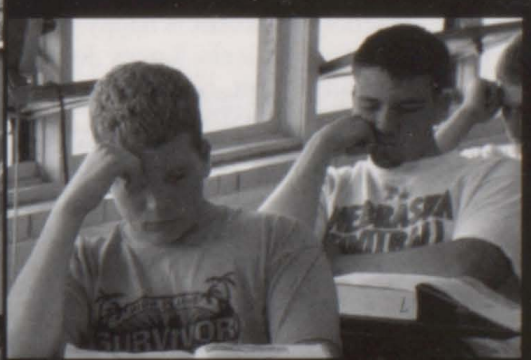
Mitch Kobza workin' hard in Woods, like always.

Above: The Junior girls cheer loudly along the sidelines at a football game.

Below: **Mindy Kowalski** studying hard.



John Oliver and **Jason Church** look to see what is going on behind them in this classroom.



Calvin Shively dozes off while reading a book in English class.

Sophomores

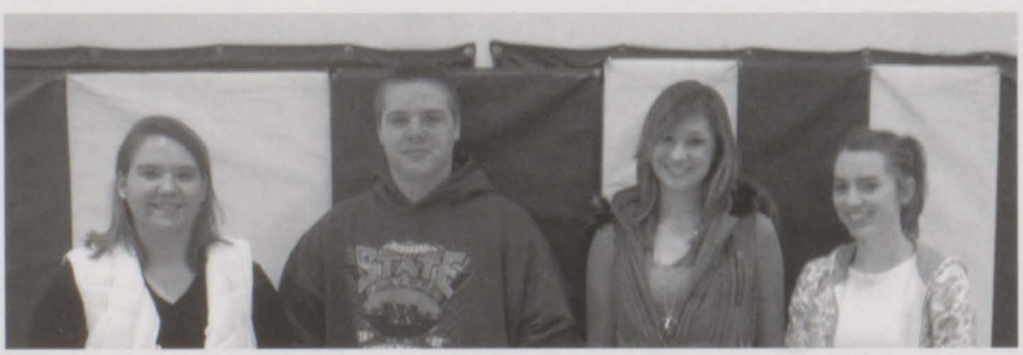
As Sophomores we can proudly say that we survived our freshman year. We started the year off with electing class officers. They are as follows: Lacey Jaracke-President, Katrina Quick- Vice President, Ethan Spence- Treasurer, and Hannah Lott- Student Council Representative. Anne Garrett was our class sponsor.

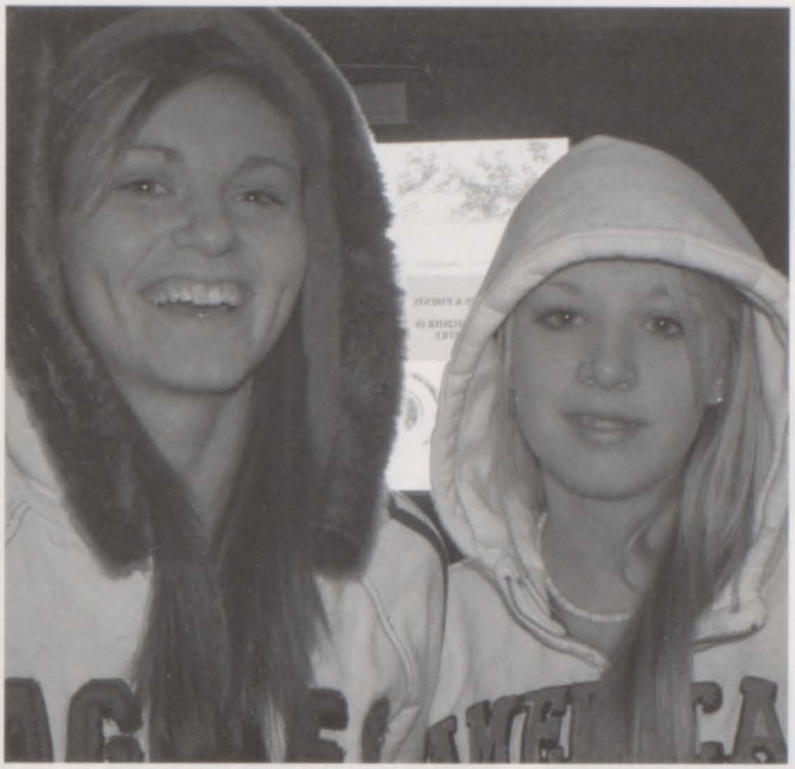
The Sophomore class sold Pizza Hut pizza at the Humphrey football game. Some other highlights included winning the hallway decorating contest during homecoming week, and winning the National Honor Society food drive. But perhaps most importantly of all we managed to survive our sophomore year of high shool.

Above: **Michelle Gravlin** (left), **D.J. Wilson** (middle),and **William Stearns** (right) all take time out of their busy schedules to pose for a picture.

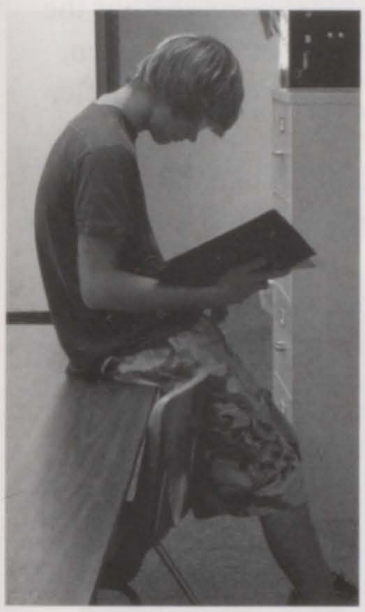
Right: **Rachel Shotkoski** is happy to be at school!

Below: The class officers, **Lacey Jarecke**, **Ethan Spence**, **Katrina Quick**, and **Hannah Lott**, posing together for a picture.



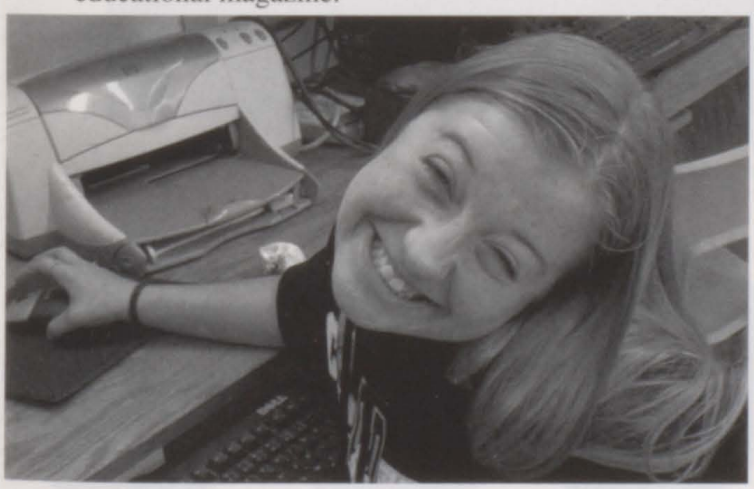


Left: **Amanda Burruss**, **Emily Letcher**, and **Kinsley Shoup** caught wandering the halls!
Above: **Becky Kobza** and **Shelby Labarge** in the hall.



Kory Stevens reading a very educational magazine.

The mean green Sophomores pose for a picture during Homecoming week.



Left: **Courtney Doremus** flashes those pearly whites.

Below: **Jonathan Hanquist** working hard.

Taylor S.

Ian C.

Daniel T.

Caroline W.

James V.

Evan G.

Ryland V.

CLASS OF 2012

Isabelle E.

The Freshmen year is a year of new experiences; from new classes, clubs, sports, dances and adjusting to new buildings. They also realized that they now aren't the top dogs, which they seem to took with ease. We are safe in saying, they fit in pretty well with all the other students in the high school.

Bryson E.

On the first day of school the Freshmen meet to pick their officers. For the year they elected: President- Brittany Benkis, Vice President- James VanHousen, Secretary/Treasurer- Alison Anderson, and Student Council Representative- Tyler Sneed.

Thinking ahead and witht he help of their sponsor, Jodie Vrbka, the class started working to raise money for their treasury holding a cafe raffle at a basketball game.

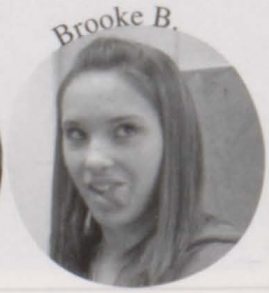
Jordan G.

Class officers: **James VanHousen**, **Tyler Sneed**, **Brittany Benkis**, and **Alison Anderson**.

Kylie J.

Sara C.

Dawn M.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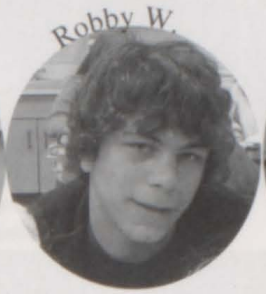
Taylor D.

Ariana B.

Trevor O.

Mikey S.

Nealey H.


Robby W.

Tyler S.

Amanda K.

Ashley Swanson, **Taylor Scherer**, **Kaylee Reimers**, **Brittany Benkis**, **Tyler Sneed**, **Dawn Matson**, **Bryson Engholm**, **Daniel Thies**, and others get ready for picture day in August.

Alison Anderson, **Whitney Engel**, **Nealey Hoffman**, and **Sierra Dittmer** enjoying this fall day walking to their next class.

Joshua E.

Joshua G.

Brandon S.

The freshmen class pose for a group photo.

Sierra D.

Whitney E.

Trent T.

Jessica G.

Alison A.

Melissa S.

Laurie R.

Ashley S.

Juniors

Kaleigh Baloun

Terry Bankson

Aaron Blase

Adam Danklesen

Amanda Dent

Grace Edson

Josh Fitzgerald

Ashley Fleming

Joseph Fowler

Rebecca Geidel

Corbey Grause

Britny Kava

Robert Klingsporn

Mitch Kobza

Malynda Kowalski

Tanner Kuhn

Justin McQuigg

Carl Rahrs

Tyler Rathjen

Heather Reimers

Luke Samuelson

Thania Sanchez

Cheyanne Schultz

Calvin Shively

Brittany Spence

Haley Strobel

Meagan Sundberg

Anna Swanson

Freshmen

Alison Anderson

Brittany Benkis

Ariana Bolton

Brooke Brown

Ian Carson

Sara Church

Sierra Dittmer

Taylor Doremus

Isabelle Edson

Whitney Engel

Bryson Engholm

Joshua Fisher

Jessica Geidel

Evan Graves

Joshua Greo

Jordan Gustafson

Sophomores

Erin Blase

Amanda Burruss

Jason Church

Courtney Doremus

Michelle Gravlin

Jonathon Hanquist

Bryan Hohnholt

Lacey Jarecke

Jacob Kennedy

Rebecca Kobza

Shelby Labarge

Emily Letcher

Hannah Lott

Wyatt Miller

Brandon Nickolite

John Oliver

Katrina Quick

Joshua Reyner

Jamee Scherer

Ben Schulze

Rachel Shotkoski

Kinsley Shoup

Ethan Spence

William Stearns

Kory Stevens

Jason Vincent

Donald Wilson

Shelby Geidel

Nealey Hoffman

Kylie Jarecke

Amanda Kobza

Machaela Majerus

Dawn Matson

Trevor Osantowski

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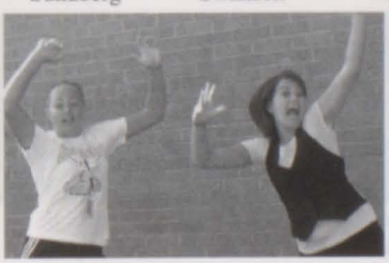


8th Grade

Adam Bannister

Joslyn Blase

Derek DeMers

Josiah Dixon

Colton Flinn

Tanner Hannappel

Zachary Hejtmanek

Hilary Kava

Michelle Majerus

Brittany Martin

Chancy Miller

Ashley Morris

Shala Ostberg

Carly Redman

Kendra Samuelson

MacKenzie Stevens

A student working on a peice of artwork in art class.

MacKenzie Stevens and **Hilary Kava** just hanging out between classes.

8th grade students showing their stuff, making Indain houses projects.

Steven Thies

Tiffany Wohlgemuth

Right: Middle school students helping the FCCLA with their float at the Bean Day parade.

Derek DeMers and others learning a new technque in art class.

Austyn Beck

Kyle Beck

Lacey Brittain

Brandon Burruss

Laura Chavez

7th Grade

Lane Church

Shelbi Dittmer

Tanner Fate

Kylee Fischer

Megan Fitzgerald

Ethan Fleming

Eric Goertzen

Emily Kuhn

Dalton McWain

Elizabeth Oliver

Jacob Reyner

Kelley Robinson

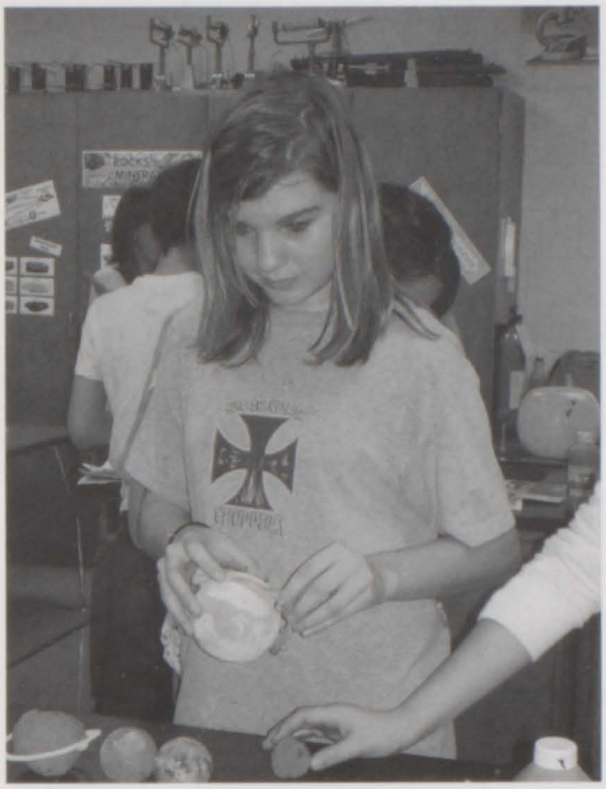
Karla Sanchez

Katie VanHousen

Morgan VanHousen

Brianna Verba

Middle School band members hang out while waiting for the Veteran's Day parade in Central City to start.



Michelle Majarus works on her solar system project.

8th grade students show off thier artwork from when the artist in residence worked with them.

Zach Hejtmanek, **Steven Thies**, and **Colton Flinn** showing us a great smile with their solor system project.

Brittany Martin working diligently on her art project.

Kendyl Beck

Cale Bolton

Cole Church

Randy Church

Asher Joh Edwards

Logan Engel

Tonye Fisher

Logan Fleming

Wyatt Fleming

Madison Flinn

Sydney Goertzen

Reva Graves

Jeffery Gravlin

Dwight Harris

Tyler Hoffman

Kanton Keller

Benjamin Kowalski

Tyler Martin

Cody Morris

Lindsey Morris

Emily Osantowski

Jami Ostberg

Dylan Shenk

Aaron Sundberg

Kaitlin Verba

Paul Ward

Mike Wilson

6th Grade

5th Grade

Andrew Adelson

Jessica Aguilera

Rachel Beck

Justin Brittain

Marina Chavez

Cheyenne Doremus

Lindy Eberle

Phoebe Edson

Trey Engel

Cale Harless

Katelyn Hoffman

Allie Hogan

Sharanna Pierce

Amber Scherer

Danielle Shenk

Lane Stevens

4th Grade

Destiny Williams

Jabe Wurtz

William Bolton

Josh DeMers

Chloe Engel

Kaitlyn Engholm

Tyson Fate

Seth Fothergill

Kristopher Kelley

Garrett Lesiak

Morgan Miller

Matthew Pekarek

Raven Pierce

Hunter Sharman

3rd Grade

Dylan Stuart

Gavin Swanson

Kyler VanHousen

Andrew Arne

Bailey Beldin

Jennifer Chavez

Buck Church

Lucas Danklesen

Kaylee Eberle

Chloe Edson

Tana Engel

Joshua Hogan

Brendan Kelley

Adam Lindgren

Cheyanne Means

Sarah Oliver

Anna Reeves

Michaela Reimers

Briana Sanchez

Kyle Stevens

Payton Stevens

Paige Swanson

Evan Wall

Paige Wemhoff

Taylor Williams

Bryce Wilshusen

Thomas Young

2nd Grade

Josephine Bolton

Alyse Carlson

Cara DeMers

Bo Dittmer

Gage Dush

Ezekiel Edson

Bailey Engholm

Faith Fothergill

Megan Geidel

Claire Harless

Emily Harris

Justin Hughes

Katlyn Kelley

Emily McNaught

Bailee Morris

Amanda Morse

Tanner Parsons

Erica Stuart

Kaylee VanHousen

Joe Wall

Madison Young

1st Grade

Jacob Adelson

Logan Archer

Isabelle Arne

Annika Baumwart

Delaney Carlstrom

Riley Carlstrom

Clay Church

Cheyenne McQuigg

Rachelle Reimers

Cassidy Rieken

Baily Roberts

Garrett Sharman

Sydney Strobel

Jessie Wemhoff

Kindergarten

Kolby Beck

Hunter Dixon

Jacey Eberle

Lindsi Hughes

Justice Majerus

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Brendan Wruble

Teachers / Staff

What can we say about our staff that hasn't been said before. They spend tons of hours preparing for each day ready to greet the students every morning. The dedication is shown by the many staff members who have been in our district for many, many, years. We did welcome six additions to our group, which is a rarity. They fit in nicely and easily. Then we had to say goodbye to two long time employees, which is always hard, but after over 30 years of seeing these two faces in the hallways, it was especially hard this year.

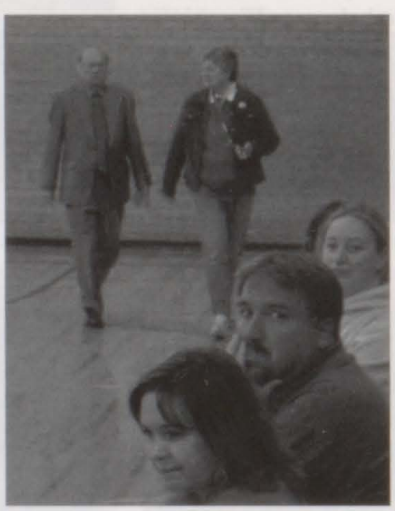
Board Members (back row) Kurt Kuhn, Brian Samuelson, Greg Fowler, (front row) Wendy Hudson, Karen Stevens, Kathy Klingsporn.

Two long time individuals retired from education this year. **Pat Vest** had taught for this district for the last 32 years. She taught elementary and then moved to high school classes. **Dennis Gray** retired after 38 in education. He has been in our district for the last 35 years. He started teaching at Hordville as a science teacher and then moved into the superintendent role.

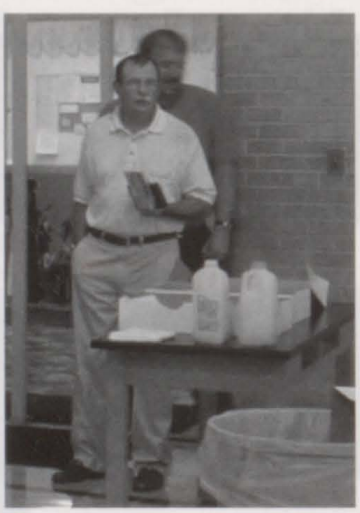
We welcomed six new teachers this year. Back row: **Laurie Anderson** became the vocal music instructor. **Cindy Sandell** took over the media specialist job and taught middle school computers. **Krisi Lindburg** taught middle school science. Front row: **Dan Strecker** became our guidance couselor, **Jeff Kyes** took on the middle school math and social studies duties, and **John Fisher** taught high school math classes.

Cameron Hudson moved into the principal role this year. He was in charge of the high school and 4th and 5th grades.

Joe Krysl looks over the project by the shop. He left High Plains this year to take a teaching position in Columbus.



Mr. Metcalf and **Mrs. Garrett** strolling over to the teachers section for a pep rally. The teachers got pretty good at the staff group cheer.



Above: **Mr. Hess** and **Mr. Vrbka** coming into the gym on the first day and looking for some donuts and juice supplied by the student council for the students and staff.

Right: **Miss Vest** is thanked by the juniors at prom for all her work as junior sponsors for many years.

Marla Glasser is a library aide. She also helps out at the preschool. What would we do without Marla when a question arises about the library or video equipment?
Not getting what is needed. Thanks Marla!

Laurie Anderson
Vocal Music

Karen Benner
MS Reading/English

Bonnie Campbell
3rd Grade

Becky Carlstrom
Teacher Aide

Barb Church
Custodian

Dale Church
Custodian

Jill Church
Teacher Aide

Leonard DaMoude
Custodian

Linda Dittmer
Cafeteria

Angie Eberle
Special Education

Linda Edson
Teacher Aide

John Fisher
HS Mathematics

Cheryl Fowler
Secretary

Anne Garrett
HS English/MS Math

Linda Gilson
HS Family & Consumer Science

Marla Glasser
Teacher Aide

Shannon Graves
Teacher Aide

Dennis Gray
Superintendent

Jeri Gray
MS Family & Consumer Science

Karrie Gress
Library Aide

Fred Hess
Instrumental Music

Peggy Holtorf
Special Education

Cameron Hudson
HS/4-5 Principal

Margie Johnson
Cafeteria

Sharon Johnson
Cafeteria

Leann Karmann
Title I

Keith Killion
MS Social Studies/Art

Joe Krysl
HS Industrial Education/Technology

Jeff Kyes
MS Social Studies/Math

Dianne L'Heureux
4th Grade

Karyee LeSuer
MS/K-3 Principal

Kelly Lesiak
2nd Grade

Dorla Lindburg
3rd Grade

Kristi Lindburg
MS Science

Jolene Lindgren
Cafeteria

Fran Lott
HS Art

Norm Manstedt
HS Physical Education

Kalyn Mason
Cafeteria

Leigh Metcalf
Spanish

Steve Meyer
MS Physical Education

Linda Necker
Custodian

Keith Nielson
Vocational Agricultural

Jim Pekarek
HS Science

Loretta Pollard
Teacher Aide

Tabitha Rieken
MS English/Title I

Cindy Sandell
Media/Computer

Laura Senff
Kindergarten

Elizabeth Sizer
5th Grade

Dan Strecker
Guidance

Debra Ueckert
1st Grade

Pat Vest
HS Math/Computer

Andy Vrbka
HS Social Studies

Jodie Vrbka
Secretary

Don Walford
Business

Elaine Welk
Cafeteria

Jennifer Werner
Secretary

Mrs. Gilson checking her calendar to make sure that the next deadline is meet.

Mr. Fisher with his enormous trig. class

Mr. Manstedt gives a pep talk at a pep rally.

Not pictured:
Brent VanDeWalle
Technology Specialist

Bus Drivers:
Cheryl Fowler
Kathy Miller
Dick Bauer
Al L'Heureux
Ron Miller
Lisa Engholm
Cheryl VanHousen

Sue Wilgocki
HS English

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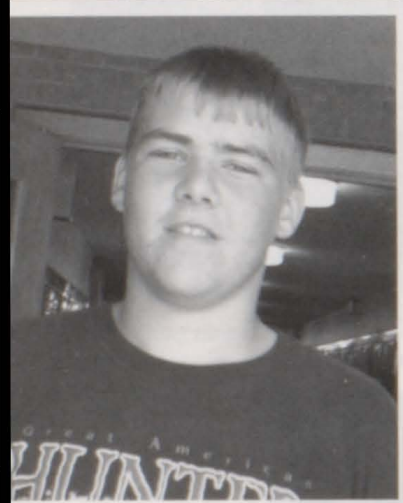

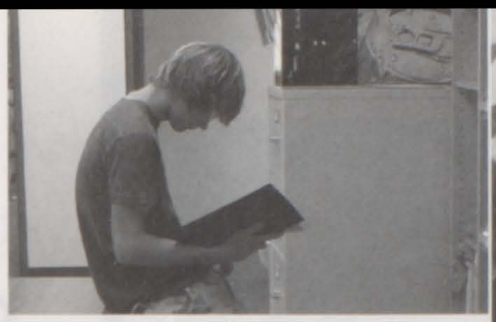

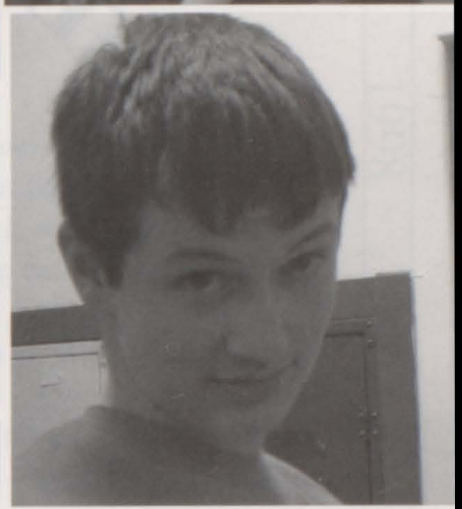

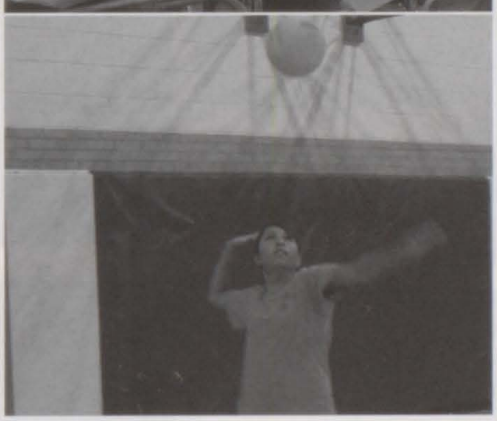

Parent Dedications

Jesse

It is time for you to go out in the world and see what life offers. You are a great guy and very talented. We are very proud of you.

We love you,
Mom, Jeremy,
Jason and Samantha

GRANT

It has been our privilege and joy to watch you grow from a mischievous boy into a caring young man. You have looked forward to these next experiences for a long time. Let God be your guide as you take each new step. We love you very much!

Dad and Mom

Proverbs 3:5 & 6

My little brother,

I love how close our friendship has become over the years. I pray that you will never lose your witty sense of humor or care-free attitude, and that you will never be afraid to stand up for what you believe.

Always take life one day at a time and keep your eyes fixed on God. Love,

Kiley Jo (your big sis

Romans 12:2 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Alison,

We are proud of you and your accomplishments.

We wish you the best for your future.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Matt

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Congratulations
Time has gone way to quickly, where did it go?
From our little "Cleter" to a fine young man.
You have proven that hard work is what it takes to achieve.
Believing in yourself and setting goals, you have made us proud in all that you have done.
Take those accomplishments with you as you set out on your new adventures.
Always remember that you can, and you will fulfill your dreams.
Love Mom, Dad & Corinna

2003 2002 2001 2000

NATE

It has been so much fun watching you grow up and become the special person you are. From hitting that first baseball to catching a Master Angler in Canada, our memories have been great! We are so proud of you and what you have accomplished through the years. Set your goals high, Nate, we know you will achieve them. We will always be there cheering you on!

Love
Mom, Dad & Nealey

Jeremiah

From a baby to a boy to finally a man, we've watched you grow. We are all so proud of who you are and can't wait to see what you become. Remember life is what you make of it, reach for the sky! We love you!

Grandma & Grandpa Merriman
The Hudson Family
The Shores Family

MICHAEL

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. You are ready to take on the world and we know that you can do anything you want to. Congratulations!

Love Mom & Kevin

P.S. Take the dog with you!

Joseph

With you in our lives you have made it a brighter place. With your caring heart, sense of humor, your habit of giving your best win or lose you've been just the kind of son parents would choose.

We've loved watching you grow into such a caring person, and we want you to know we're so proud of you and the things that you've done.

It's been a real joy having you for a son!

Love Mom & Dad

Even if you are bigger than us, you will always be the best little brother, We have so many great memories together, with so many more to have in the future. We will always be there for you.

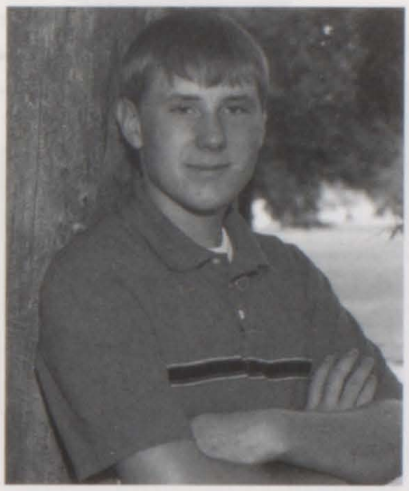
Best of wishes and love
Krystal, Matt & Kevin

Jeremiah,

How fast the years go by. It seems like only yesterday you were graduating from Kindergarten as a Marquette Cub. Now you are graduating from High School at HPC.

You have filled our hearts with love and joy in these short 18 years. As you set out on your own remember we will always be here to support you. May all your dreams come true. We are very proud of you!

Love
Mom, Dad, Joshua & Jacob



Nicholas,

Little boy number four, soon to be headed out the door. What happened to the little baby with the Cabbage Patch face and the swing in his arm when he ran while wearing the ever-present cape? In the blink of an eye he has become a young man we are so proud of. Your future and all the possibilities in life lie before you. With Jesus in your heart you can accomplish anything, so go out and make your mark in the world. As always, your cheering section will be behind you and rooting for you the whole way.

All our love,
Dad, Mom, Mark, Angela, , Clinton, Josh, and Jordan

Php. 1:6

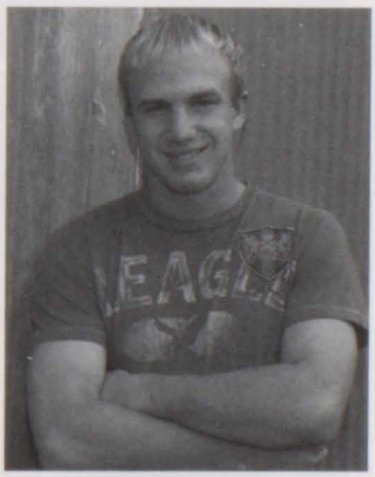
Scott,

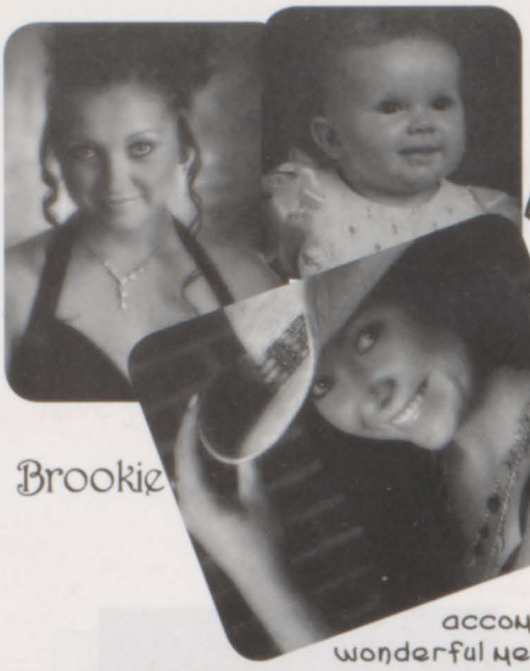
"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Romans 8:31

Love You Always,

Mom and Dad





Brooke

To our beautiful daughter and sister; You have brought so much love, joy and happiness to our lives. The past 18 years have gone by so quickly. We know our time to let go has come way to soon, but our hearts are full of pride as we remember all that you have achieved.

From Queen of lipstick at the age of 2 to homecoming queen, class president and so many more accomplishments. Thank you for the wonderful memories. With your charming personality , patience, intelligence, wit and compassion for caring, you will become an awesome RN.

May God continue to watch over you and bless you as you journey on to Lincoln to college and to join Holly. Listen to your heart, follow your dreams and be all that you can be. We love you more than you will ever know.

Mom & Dad,
Whitney, Logan and Chloe

Brookie

Joy
rOses
uNconditional Love

Brooklyn

Brooke,
Congratulations
to my sister, my
forever friend.

I Love You,
Holly

Trevor

We are so proud of the man you have become.

Cherish your uniqueness and be who you are. Fulfill your dreams with perseverance and determination. Work hard and know challenges make us stronger.

Trevor, in all you do, keep God first and look to him for guidance and wisdom. Each day is a gift from God.

Love You Always!
Mom, Dad
Taylor, Morgan
Courtney and Sarah

Your Angel Mom
I know is so proud
of you and is sending you lot
of love and blessings from
heaven. Always know she is
with you in spirit.

Your Strength, Beauty,
and Compassion will bring much
success in the road ahead.
We are so very proud of your
determination and accomplishments.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Heidi and Jonathon

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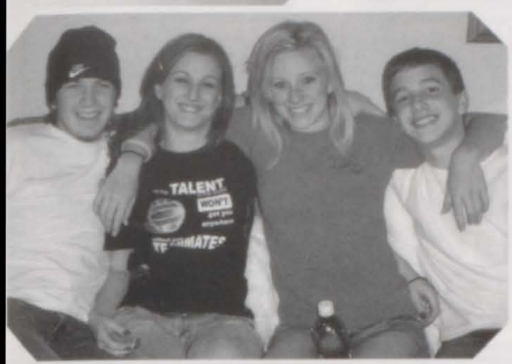
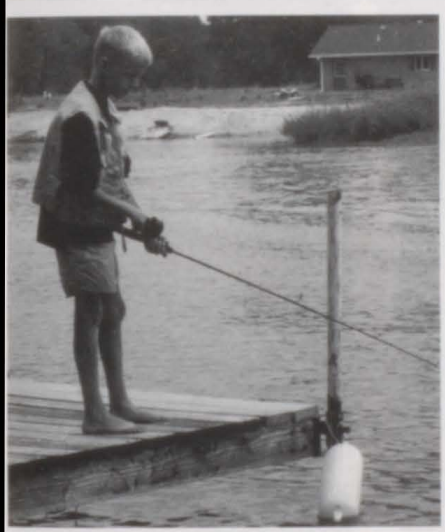




Matthew

Some things never change - your love of fishing and our love for you. May God continue to bless you always.

How quickly you have grown into a wonderful young man. We are very proud of you.

Dad, Mom & Nate

MARCUS

WE ARE SO PROUD OF THE PERSON YOU HAVE BECOME AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOUR FUTURE HOLDS!

KEEP UP THE HARD WORK AND YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING!

WE LOVE YOU!

DAD, MOM, AND ALEX

Derek,

You are our youngest and it's hard to see this chapter of your life come to an end. We have valued this time and we will forever treasure the memories you've given us. How you loved to make us laugh! You have made your brothers proud, and we all appreciate the person you've become. You have our love and support!

"**WHATEVER**" the future holds, remember to be strong and courageous, for God is always with you.

Joshua 1:9

Love,
Dad, Mom, Drew and Nick

LACEY

Remember what dad always says

- there are no such things as problems just solutions.

Have fun at whatever you do and keep the faith.

We love you very much and are proud of you.

Mom, Dad, and Haley
Brian, Lindsay & Athan
Aaron and Cassie

ANTHONY

It really doesn't seem that long ago you were learning to drive tractors - now you do a better job than your teachers! We are very proud of the man you are, and we can't wait to see what the furture holds for you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Kayla, Austyn, & Kendyl

MATT
Graduating!?!

Your Pulling His Leg

Congratulations

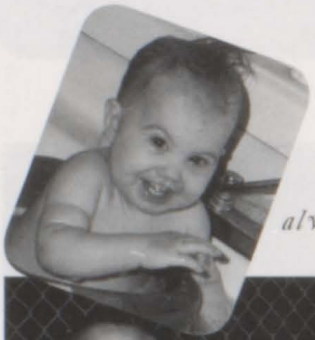
Love ya

Dad,
Grandpa, Grandma,
Donita, Shawna
& Melinda

Dearest Karlie Dayle,

You came into our lives kicking & screaming. It seems like yesterday you were doing back flips in your crib and we rushed out to buy the latest version of "The Strong Willed Child". Now it is time to venture down life's highway! Here are a few things to remember on your journey:

Follow the narrow road; it leads to the widest joy.
Take time to laugh. Laughter can help smooth out the bumps in the road.
Pay attention to the obstacles in your path. They are there for a reason.
Never give up when you get to the steep inclines.



Ecclesiastes 3:4
a time to weep and a time to laugh
a time to mourn and a time to dance.

Okay, that's enough advice for now. You can always call home if you need more!

We love you more than words can say
and wish the best for you
wherever the highway
(or low maintenance road) leads.

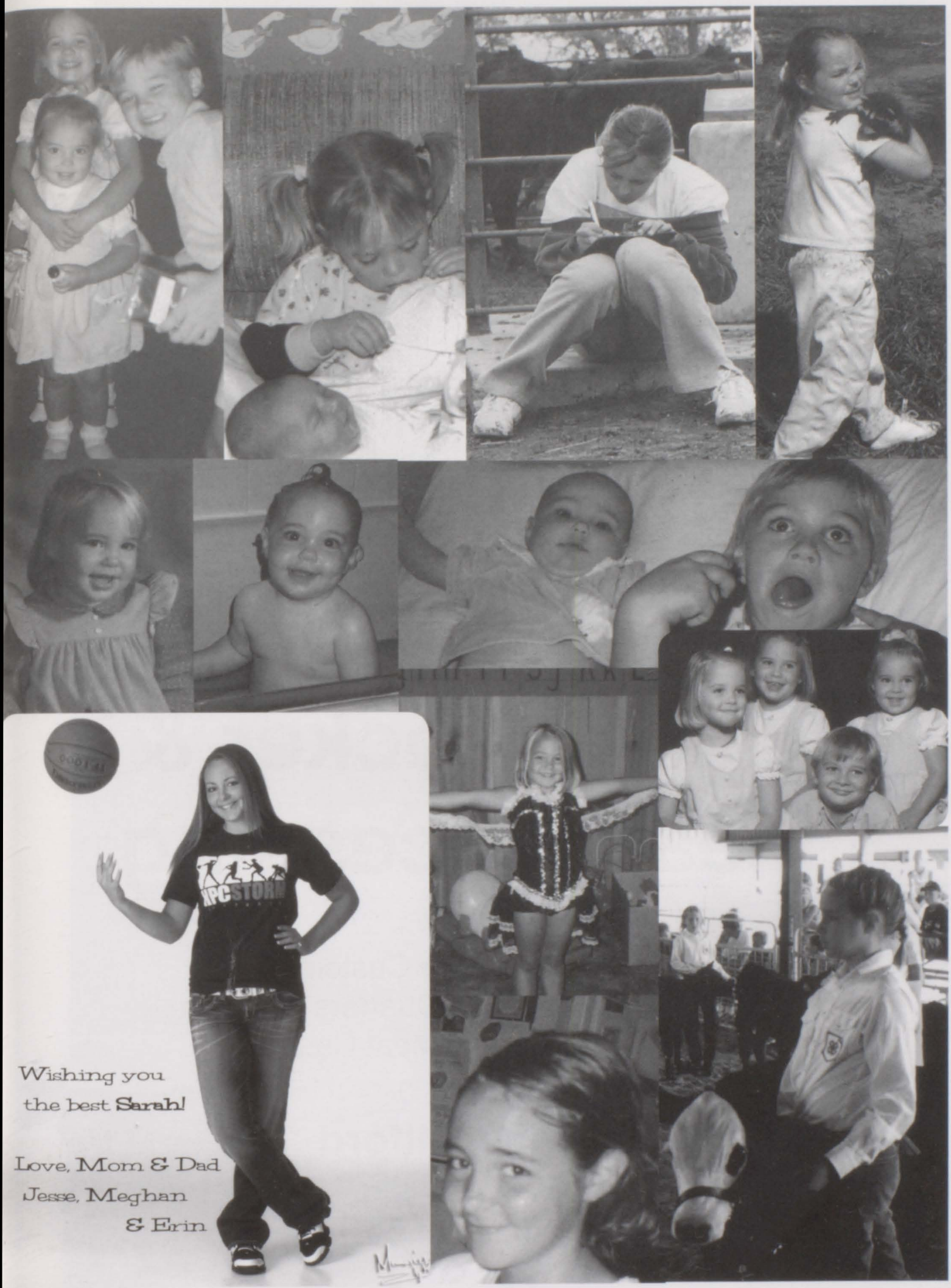
Care, love you,

Dad, Mom & Joslyn

Stay on your toes!

Congratulations

Class of 2008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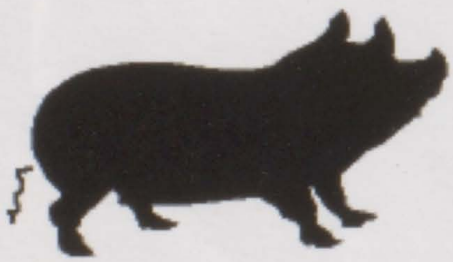

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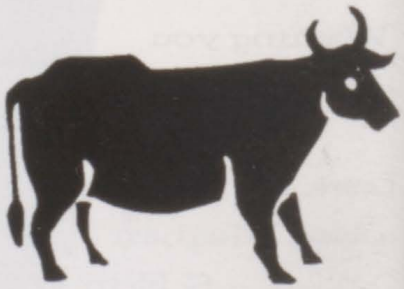

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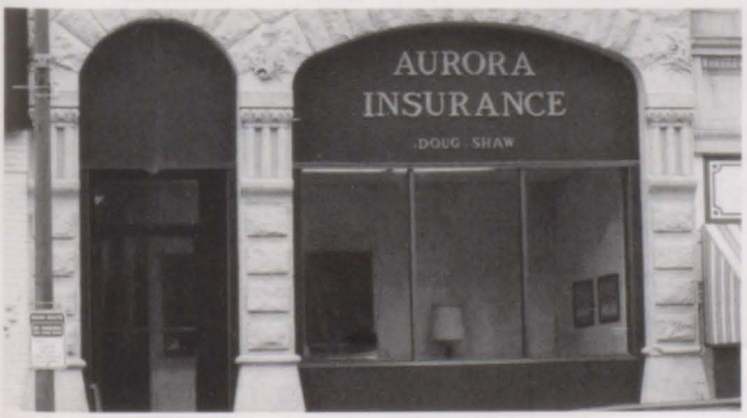

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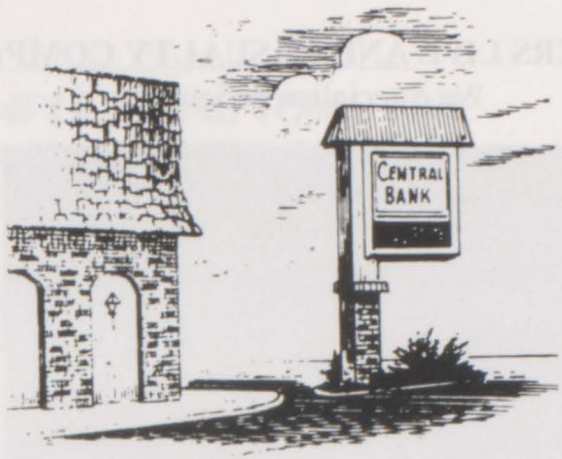

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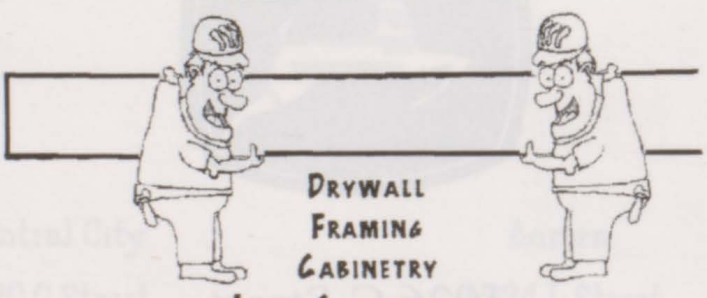

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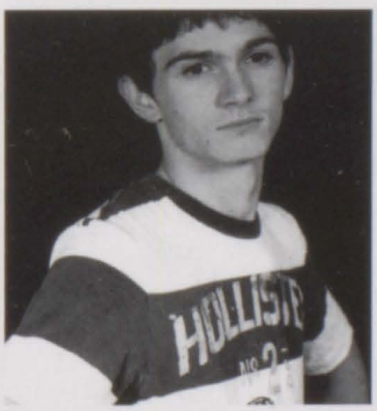

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Left: **Matthew Anderson** and **Brooke Engel** were named the All-Around Male and Female Students.

Below: Participation Award winners, **Derek Rodine, Brooke Engel, Joe Ditloff, Marcus Bender, Clete Vrbka**.

Becca Geidel and **Amanda Burruss** (left) received the Above and Beyond Award for Drama and **David Oliver** and **Trevor Schnabel** (right) were honored for being in One-Act all four years.

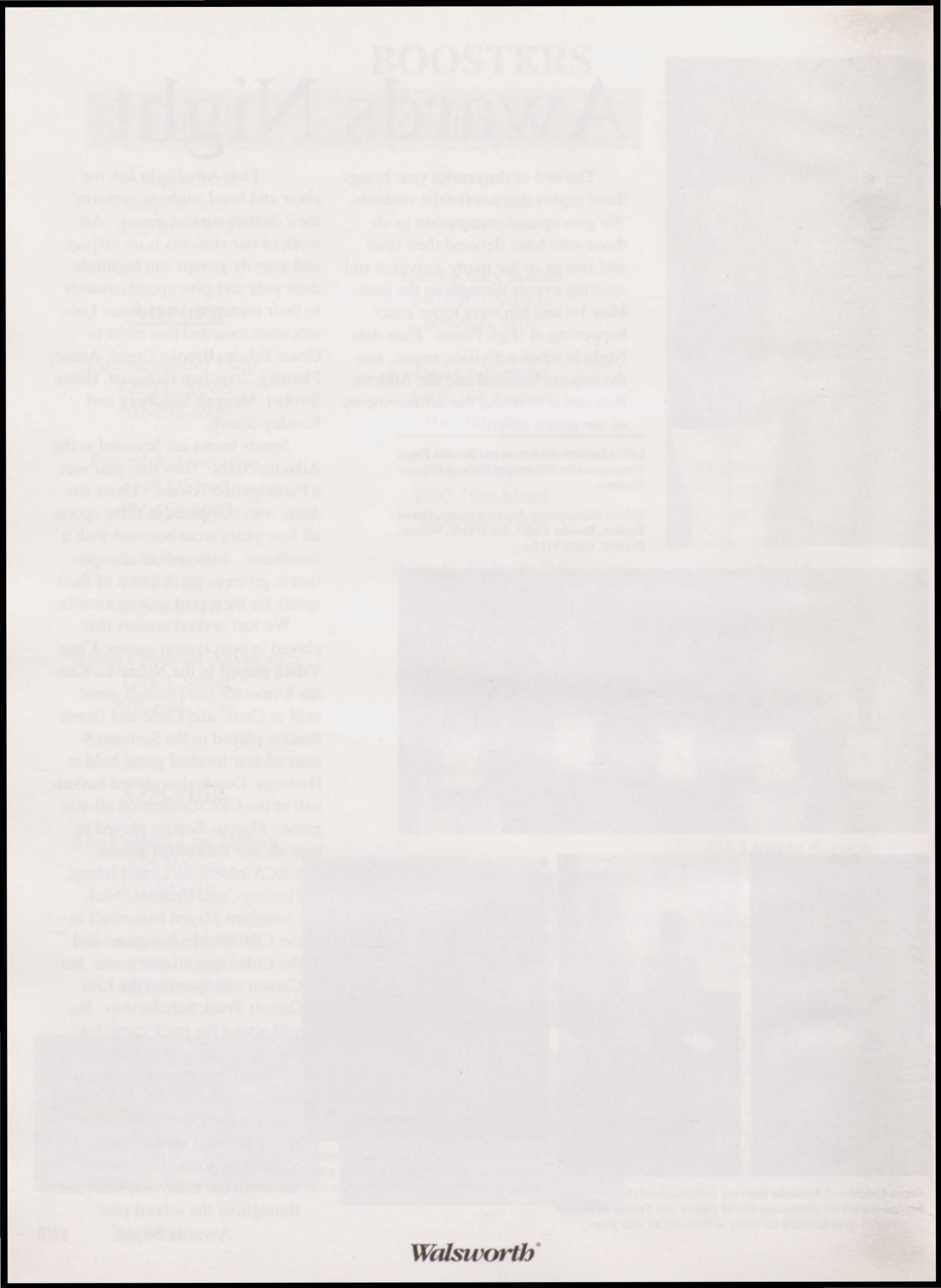
Kinsley Shoup was recognized for Perfect Attendance and stepped in to sing a solo when the scheduled soloist voice gave out.

Fine Arts Night lets the choir and band students perform their district contest pieces. Artwork of our students is on display and activity groups can highlight their year and give special awards to their members. Academic Letters were awarded that night to Grace Edson, Brooke Engel, Ashley Fleming, Jonathan Hanquist, Haley Strobel, Meagan Sundberg and Kinsley Shoup.

Sports teams are honored at the Athletic Night. New this year was a Participation Award. Those students who competed in three sports all four years were honored with a certificate. Also special recognition is given to participates of their sports for their post season awards.

We had several seniors that played in post season games; Clete Vrbka played in the Nebraska/Kansas 8-man all-star football game held in Crete, and Clete and Derek Rodine played in the Sertoma 8-man all-star football game held at Hastings. Derek also played basketball in the CRC/Goldenrod all-star game. Marcus Bender played in four all-star basketball games; CRC/Goldenrod, Grand Island, Hastings, and Beatrice. Nick Gustafson played basketball in the CRC/Goldenrod game and the Columbus all-star game. Ian Carson was awarded the Lisa Garrett Track Scholarship. He will attend the track camp for high jumping held at Crete.

High Plains also had many athletes make the All-Academic team for their sports. We have many talented students and athletes, who dedicate themselves to the many activities held throughout the school year.



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